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Canyon County Democratic Party Central Committee
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Mr. Ben Ysursa
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Dear Mr. Ben Ysursa:

It has come to the attention of the Canyon County Democratic Party Central Committee that Representative Brandon Hixon of District 10 has used campaign funds in a manner seemingly inconsistent with Idaho Statute 67-6610C. Not only does his use of campaign funds appear inconsistent with that of Idaho State Law, but the use is also inconsistent with the campaign expenditures of other elected legislators from District 10.

In the year of 2013, Representative Hixon used approximately \$1,310 of his campaign funds to reimburse himself for communications, which he classified as "General Operational Expenses." Further, Representative Hixon recorded \$1,295.22 in fuel expenses, \$1,292.48 in other travel expenditures, along with other suspicious expenditures included in his campaign finance disclosure reports.

Representative Hixon's district is approximately six miles by seven miles in size. Based on average gas mileage of 23.6 miles per gallon¹ and an average gas price of \$3.49², Representative Hixon could have traveled his district from corner to corner 943 times or to the capitol from his home 315 times.

In comparison, District 10 Representative Bolz had no communications, fuel, or travel expenditures. District 10 Senator Rice had no communications or fuel expenditures, but utilized \$1,248.54 of campaign funds for travel. In a non-election year, why has Representative Hixon utilized a large portion of his campaign funds on communications, fuel, and travel? Did these expenditures supplement a legislative stipend?

The Canyon County Democratic Party Central Committee hereby requests a full investigation by the Secretary of State to ensure that Representative Hixon has utilized his campaign funds in a manner consistent with Idaho State Law.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Solomon
Canyon County Democratic Party Chair
Enclosure

¹ <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/12/13/cars-in-the-u-s-are-more-fuel-efficient-than-ever-heres-how-it-happened/>

² <http://money.cnn.com/2013/12/31/news/economy/gas-prices/>