

Hi Madam Chair, I felt as if reading my testimony would not be as powerful as speaking to the group directly, yet there were some points I failed to make, points that are important for you to know. Some enlightening first hand experiences are useful for the big picture of what is happening at statewide races. I hope you avail yourself of a quick read scan of my personal testimony, despite the fact that I could not completely veil my emotional pain from the experience. Also I felt it would not be helpful to put certain relevant people in poor light. People who had not done their public service job to uphold our constitution.

Bernie manages as D then continues as an independent.

Regarding the VT Statutes Title 17 chap 59 2853 Campaign Finance Grants.

The rule says that I cannot spend \$2000.- in the two years before and still be eligible for grants! (I have likely spent \$2000 in gas money alone in 2013 to advocate for policy that I am censored from proposing). It also says that I have to refrain from making an announcement that I am running until February this year. So what does this mean? No media will respond to a press conference, does this mean I haven't announced ? If I tell you that I am running is that an announcement? What constitutes an announcement? telling the Sec of State, writing a letter to the editor?

Truly this election grant money (if it's there for open and fair elections) would be far better spent by using it to create debates during the elections season that are not subject to candidate (thus reformative policy proposal) censorship by private hosts.

\$150,000 could cover the costs of a public debate in each county at a high school, that statewide candidates must be present for in person or by electronic means. that would be \$10,000. + per location. That is enough to rent the building and hire cable access coverage. Candidates for that county would also be included per county, The coverage would be downloaded by all cable access stations in the State. The private media could do what they choose. But they could not host or advertise public debates if they are hiding (censoring) a candidate from the public.

Censorship by private media hosts makes for no democracy.

I'd appreciate your help to prevent candidate discrimination by private entities blocking me from public participation.

I am enjoying learning at the Statehouse and meeting many dedicated public servants. Thank you for your welcome to your committee,

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The Vermont Statutes Online

Title 17: Elections

Chapter 59: CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sub-Chapter 06: Vermont Campaign Finance Option

17 V.S.A. § 2853. Vermont campaign finance grants; conditions

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(a) A person shall not be eligible for Vermont campaign finance grants if, during a two-year general election cycle, he or she becomes a candidate by announcing that he or she seeks an elected position as Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or by accepting contributions totaling \$2,000.00 or more or by making expenditures totaling \$2,000.00 or more, prior to February 15 of the general election year.

(b) A candidate who accepts Vermont campaign finance grants, shall:

(1) Not solicit, accept, or expend any contributions except qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and contributions authorized under section 2855 of this title, which contributions may be solicited, accepted, or expended only in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(2) Deposit all qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and any contributions accepted in accordance with the provisions of section 2855 of this title in a federally insured noninterest bearing checking account.

(3) Not later than 40 days after the general election, deposit in the Secretary of State Services Fund, after all permissible expenditures have been paid, the balance of any amounts remaining in the account established under subdivision (2) of this subsection. (Added 1997, No. 64, § 2, eff. Nov. 4, 1998; amended 2005, No. 62, § 12; 2013, No. 1, § 84.)

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Campaign 2014 blog:
<http://www.howwwl.com/10001150>

Regarding the public bank solution to global banking failure
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPsOopzp7e4&feature=player_embedded

Latest Organic Politics
show, **http://www.fact8.com/e107_plugins/media_library/media_library.php?98.8259.0.50**

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