

**greg flynn**  
2826 Barmettler Street  
Raleigh NC 27607

March 8, 2017

Ms Kim Westbrook Strach, Executive Director,  
State Board of Elections  
441 N Harrington St  
Raleigh NC 27603

RECEIVED

MAR 08 2017

re: Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee  
Campaign finance, various violations.  
Ms Strach,

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

I am an active registered voter in Wake County. I respectfully submit a formal complaint regarding the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee which appears to violate various campaign finance law requirements:

- 1) Excess repayment of personal loans.
- 2) Incomplete contributor information.
- 3) Un-itemized disbursements.
- 4) Irregular entries.

1) Excess repayment of personal loans.

A review of all campaign finance documents since initial organization shows evidence of 17 individual personal loans from Ralph E Hise Jr totaling \$50,694.37 and evidence of 39 loan repayments to Ralph E Hise Jr totaling \$61,020.98, an excess repayment of \$10,326.61.

16 of the 17 loans are clearly documented. One in the amount of \$268.88 is simply a line item on the 2016 Q2 Summary.

29 of the 39 repayments are clearly documented and are attributed to specific loans.

Two more documented repayments are attributed to a single loan but represent an excess payment of \$1,600 for that loan. This appears to be an attempt to account for another loan of \$1,540.53 dated 6/30/12 which had been omitted from the running total of Outstanding Loans. That total was adjusted by \$1,600 in the 2013 S1 Summary, technically an overpayment of \$59.47.

One loan repayment is not itemized. It appears as a downward adjustment of \$4,758.00 in Outstanding Loans in the 2014 Q2 Summary. In the same report there was an upward adjustment of \$4,258.00 in Loan Repayments (the exact amount of one loan).

The seven most recent loan repayments are itemized as Disbursements, not as Loan Repayments, with remarks "Loan Repayment" and are not attributed to any specific loans.

An audit could verify these amounts. Based on evidence in the submitted reports it would be reasonable to infer that there has been an excess repayment to Ralph E Hise Jr in the amount of \$10,326.61.

2) Incomplete contributor information.

Reports for the past two years contain no record of occupation or employer for individual contributors, and the most recent report contains no address information for them. Prior reports inconsistently record this information.

cont.

re: Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee  
Campaign finance, various violations.

RECEIVED

MAR 08 2017

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

3) Un-Itemized disbursements

There are three recent disbursements in rounded amounts that raise questions as to specific campaign purpose in the absence of itemized data:

07/08/16	\$3,600.00	Energy Savers, Spruce Pine
10/13/16	\$1,000.00	Ralph E Hise Jr, Campaign suppl
10/13/16	\$1,000.00	Ralph E Hise Jr, Campaign reimb

4) Irregular entries.

In addition to anomalies noted above there is a lack of continuity between Expenditures recorded in the 2014 Q1 Report Summary and the Amended 2014 Q2 Report Summary. There is an unexplained downward revision of the election cycle total for Contributions to Candidates/ Political Committees and corresponding upward revisions of election cycle totals for Operating Expenditures and for Loan Repayments. This appears to suggest adjustments made to reconcile unrecorded payments.

From Amended 2014 Q2 Report through 2015 S2 Report the campaign recorded the same amount of Outstanding Loans, \$6,900.25. In 2015 a total of \$6,000.00 was repaid but in 2016 Q1 Report the Outstanding Loan amount was only reduced by \$5,500.00. By the 2016 Q2 Report no Outstanding Loan amounts were listed even as "repayments" continued.

I ask that the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee be audited to verify and document transactions and, if found to be non-compliant, that appropriate penalties be imposed.

Upon information and belief, I attest and affirm that the foregoing is a truthful statement of the facts, as I know them.

Sincerely,

Greg Flynn

State of NC  
County of Wake

My commission expires: Dec 5, 2021

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

Abigail Clark  
Notary Public

