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Secretary of State Ross Miller
Elections Division
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Mr. Miller,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 16, 2014, in which you concluded that Team Nevada Engaged has engaged in "express advocacy", and is therefore required to file a Contribution and Expense Report with your office. We vehemently disagree that any of our activities constitute "express advocacy", and as such will not be complying with your request at this time.

As I'm certain your office is aware, Team Nevada Engaged, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) non-profit social welfare organization committed to preserving Nevada's low tax, business-friendly environment. Our mission is to educate Nevadans on these issues, which will foster economic growth and will further the well being of every Nevada resident. By promoting education on these issues, we believe that Nevada residents will engage in their communities and work with their elected leaders to ensure that our state has a prosperous future.

Team Nevada Engaged has not, nor do we intend to recommend voting for or against any specific candidates, which would of course be considered "express advocacy". At no time were the words "elect" or "vote" used, other than to describe the voting record of Sen. Roberson. The television commercials and other media you referenced were exclusively educational, issue-based messages focusing specifically on the topic of taxes. At no time did we advocate for or against voting for Sen. Roberson, our message simply educated people in regard to his record on the issues referenced.

In closing, we were hesitant to direct resources toward making our position known on this issue, given the history of your office in persecuting conservative groups on issue advocacy matters. We took great care to ensure that our anti-tax message could not be confused as "express advocacy" specifically to avoid such scrutiny. I think it's now clear that it's not the letter or even spirit of the law that is in question here, but a political agenda. It is unfortunate that the environment in our state has denigrated to the point where a public official would seek to quell the speech of those he disagrees with, but that certainly seems to be the case here.

Sincerely,

Robert Tyree
Founder, Team Nevada Engaged