

Government Accountability Board

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Statement Regarding Campaign Finance Information System

MADISON, WI – The Government Accountability Board issued the following statement today regarding claims made over the weekend that a candidate’s report had crashed the Campaign Finance Information System:

“The Campaign Finance Information System did not crash. It was up and running throughout the weekend. No filers were prevented from downloading information, and the system has remained available throughout the filing period.”

“There was a small issue with the system generating the Walker campaign’s report in PDF format. That issue has been resolved, and the PDF has been posted to the web site. Users interested in viewing Walker’s reports are urged to do so using the system’s ‘View Receipts’ and ‘View Expenses’ functions, which allow the data to be downloaded in Microsoft Word or Excel formats.”

Background:

Candidates, political parties and other state-registered committees have until midnight on Monday, February 1 to file financial reports for the second half of 2009.

Most Wisconsin campaign finance registrants file their reports electronically on the Campaign Finance Information System, which is available online at <http://cfis.wi.gov>. As of Monday morning, more than three quarters of the 1,270 registrants have already filed.

In anticipation of heavy system use by filers in the days leading up to the deadline, G.A.B. campaign finance auditors worked 12-hour days throughout the weekend to provide assistance, and will also be working late tonight.

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The Government Accountability Board is responsible for administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws in Wisconsin. The board is made up of six non-partisan, former judges and is supported by an agency of non-partisan staff members. Additional information about the mission of the Government Accountability Board is available by telephone at **608-266-8005**, by electronic mail at gab@wi.gov, or through the Internet at <http://gab.wi.gov>.