

January 30, 2007

Dear Friend:

Some time ago, you received an invitation from Mary, myself and others asking you to join us at a fundraiser at our home on February 1, 2007 for our friend, Dick Norton, the City of Green's next Mayor.

Since that time, we have become aware of the provisions of H.B. 694 which Governor Taft signed on January 2, 2007. While the law will not go into affect until March 7, 2007, certain provisions of the law look back to actions from January 1, 2007 forward.

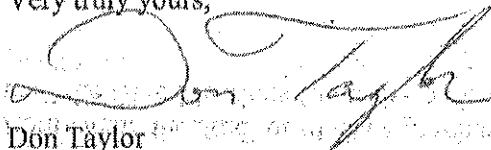
After discussing this matter with our legal counsel, Mary and I believe that the most prudent thing that we can do is for Mary to treat this law as though it is currently in effect so that there is no ambiguity concerning her compliance with it. Among many other things, H.B. 694 prohibits Mary and other state-wide elected officials from soliciting campaign contributions on behalf of candidates and political parties from any person or entity that has a contract for goods or services worth more than \$500 with the elected official's office. Because of the multitude of contractors from whom the Auditor of State purchases goods and services, Mary has adopted the policy that until the Ohio Elections Commission issues definitive guidance, she will not solicit funds for any candidates, campaign committees, political parties, political action committees, or issues advocacy committees other than her own committee (permitted under H.B. 694).

To that end, I am writing to advise you that the fundraiser to which you have been invited on February 1, 2007 for my good friend and the City of Green's next Mayor, Dick Norton, will go forward. However, I will co-host the event with Mayor Dan Croghan. Mary will not be acting as a host for the event or as a sponsor.

I apologize if this letter has caused you any confusion. However, Mary believes that the best way that she can comply with this law is by taking as conservative of an approach as possible.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on February 1, 2007.

Very truly yours,



Don Taylor