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FEC Complaint Against RNLA

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ALLEGED COMPLAINT WITHOUT MERIT

Washington, DC: In response to reports in Minnesota newspapers that the Democrat Farmer Labor Party (DFL) of Minnesota has filed an FEC complaint against it, RNLA has issued the following statement.

1. RNLA has not seen any DFL-signed FEC complaint, but has been provided by several media outlets with a “draft” copy naming RNLA. If DFL has filed such a complaint, it is totally bogus and without merit.
2. RNLA has been and is a leader in the fight against vote fraud and educating lawyers and the public about the importance of this issue. RNLA has been very concerned about the numerous irregularities in the Minnesota Senate election and recount process which RNLA feels have not received enough attention. RNLA is working to educate the press and the public as to the numerous issues of voter disenfranchisement, voter registration fraud, voting fraud and voting irregularities occurring in the post-election process throughout the nation in recent elections, including the 2008 election. Among them is the disenfranchisement of the men and women of our armed services. RNLA research on that issue is available at <http://www.rnla.org/Speakers.asp> point 15.

This educational effort is very important as it concerns the current Minnesota Senate election, the post-election canvassing and litigation, and the pending election contest. We have noted that Senate Majority Leader Reid has stated that he wants to seat Al Franken as soon as possible despite Minnesota law and Senate precedent to the contrary. Mr. Franken also has indicated that he feels Minnesota law should be ignored and that he should be seated now. The public needs to know that the process is incomplete and to communicate with Senator Reid and other Senators to ensure that federal and state laws, and the Constitution, are followed. Further suspicions about the fairness and accuracy of federal and State elections will lead to greater public dissatisfaction with election integrity and will adversely affect the right to vote.
3. RNLA is not and has not been involved in litigation in the Coleman-Franken race, and there is no basis for this complaint. RNLA has not communicated with the Coleman campaign, has not spent any funds on the Coleman campaign or post-election effort, and categorically rejects the claims of the DFL’s FEC complaint. RNLA notes that the copy of the draft complaint it was provided by the media acknowledges the claim is “speculative” and not based on fact.
4. The DFL’s soft money claim is particularly egregious because RNLA raises approximately 99.44% of its funds from individuals in amounts less than FECA limits even if it were subject to FEC regulation.

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