



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 20, 2014

The Honorable Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth
302 North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Secretary Aichele:

This letter constitutes a formal complaint asserting intentional and knowing violations of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §§2600 *et seq.* (the "Election Code"),¹ against Tom Wolf, the Tom Wolf for Governor Committee ("TWGC"), Michael Newsome, Treasurer of TWGC, the Campaign for a Fresh Start ("CFS"), Katie McGinty, Chair of CFS, and Mike Mikus, Treasurer of CFS. Pursuant to your statutory duties, including those under §§3259 and 3260 regarding filings required under Article XVI of the Election Code, we hereby ask that you report the material violations described in this letter to the appropriate law enforcement authorities and that you take actions required by your Office under the Election Code to prevent them from continuing.

Similar to the strategy that Wolf used by moving the incorporation of his business to Delaware to avoid the impact of Pennsylvania law, Wolf shifted the principal role of TWGC to raise and disburse funds for his campaign to CFS, an entity he created and authorized to take over those activities. In forming and authorizing CFS, Wolf seeks to avoid the impact of the Election Code that governs an authorized Candidate Political Committee and the required disclosures that apply to such a committee. The campaign finance provisions of the Election Code are designed to promote full disclosure of relationships, connections and affiliations so that the voters know who is funding the campaign and authorizing the public political statements. As described below, Wolf is side-stepping these disclosure requirements by moving his campaign finance and political communications role to CFS away from TWGC. Just as Wolf needs to explain why he moved his company's incorporation to Delaware, he needs to tell the voters why he is moving his campaign fundraising and political communications activity to CFS.

Background Facts

CFS filed an initial Political Committee Registration Statement (dated June 23, 2014), on June 25, 2014, with the Department of State ("CFS Registration"). See Attachment "A" to this letter. The CFS Registration stated that it was not a candidate's authorized political committee. Furthermore, the CFS Registration did not identify any

¹ Hereinafter, all section references are to the Election Code unless otherwise noted.

candidates that it intends to support or any candidates who have authorized it to receive funds on their behalf. In addition, the CFS Registration did not disclose any Affiliated and Connected Organizations. Katie McGinty signed the Acceptance and Appointment as the Chair of CFS and Mike Mikus signed the Appointment and Acceptance as the Treasurer of CFS.

McGinty issued a press release on July 7, 2014, announcing "the launch of the Campaign for a Fresh Start, a new organization that is coordinating with Tom Wolf and House and Senate Democrats" See Attachment "B." The Press Release further indicated that Wolf asked McGinty to serve as the Chair of CFS, whose purpose was to elect Wolf Governor and Democratic majorities in this year's November election. McGinty also said in the Release that Wolf and she were launching CFS to win the election. The Release further directly linked support for Wolf's campaign for Governor with CFS.

TWGC filed on April 4, 2013, an initial Political Committee Registration Statement under §3244 (the "TWGC Registration"), and Michael Newsome signed the Appointment and Acceptance of Treasurer. See Attachment "C." The TWGC Registration indicated that it is an authorized Candidate's Political Committee under §§3241(m) and 3243. Wolf filed the Candidate Authorization with the Department on April 4, 2013. See Attachment "D." The TWGC Registration was amended twice. The second amendment was filed on June 26, 2014 (the "Second Amendment"), three days after the CFS Registration was prepared and signed by McGinty as Chair and Mikus as Treasurer. See Attachment "E." The Second Amendment simply changed TWGC's telephone number and the email of one of its contact persons. However, despite Wolf's direct role and active participation in the creation of CFS and his direction for it to raise and spend money for his campaign, neither Wolf nor his Treasurer disclosed in the Second Amendment that CFS was an "Affiliated and Connected Organization" of TWGC. This incredible and material omission by Wolf and Newsome in the Second Amendment is a knowing violation of the Election Code. There is no excuse for not complying with the law since the CFS Registration was filed before the Second Amendment.

The idea to create and form CFS to receive contributions and make expenditures to benefit his candidacy was Wolf's idea by his own public admissions. CFS only exists because Wolf authorized its formation on behalf of his campaign. He appointed McGinty to serve as its Chair and authorized her and Mikus to register it with the Department in order to receive contributions and expend money on behalf of his candidacy. All of this satisfies the definition of an authorized Candidate Political Committee under the Election Code. See, §3241(m).

As a direct result of Wolf's and McGinty's admissions, and those of their agents, CFS is widely identified and known as "Wolf's PAC" and Wolf's committee in almost every published report about CFS. For instance, the Wolf Campaign announced on June 19, 2014 that Wolf "is forming Campaign for a Fresh Start to get Democrats, Republicans

and Independents to vote for him.”² Further, Wolf and McGinty brag about the role of CFS in Wolf’s campaign. Wolf adopted the name “Fresh Start” for his campaign as early as February 2014, and has promoted the name as being synonymous with his campaign on his website and in public communications, and in the naming of his “Fresh Start Plan” and “Fresh Start Tour.” See Attachment “F” for examples of published reports, TWGC website announcements and a partial list of the numerous published reports identifying CFS as Wolf’s committee.

Since its registration, CFS has made many public broadcasts and communications directly advocating the election of Wolf as Governor and opposing Tom Corbett for Governor. However, the limited disclaimer that CFS uses on all of these public broadcasts and communications simply states: “Paid for and authorized by Committee for a Fresh Start.” Not a single one of these public political communications indicates in the disclaimer that it has been authorized by Wolf or TWGC, despite Wolf’s and McGinty’s admissions that CFS coordinates its fundraising and expenditures with Wolf and TWGC. As stated above, CFS is a Wolf authorized Candidate Political Committee under §3241(m). Thus, at a minimum, CFS should also include in its disclaimer that it is affiliated with TWGC, as required by §3258. Since the registration of CFS, TWGC is also required to include CFS in its disclaimers under §3258, but it does not.

The facts and the admissions of Wolf and McGinty unequivocally establish that CFS is required under the law to be registered and acting as an authorized Candidate Political Committee. Yet Wolf, in concert with others, knowingly has evaded the legal requirements relating to a candidate authorized committee. As such, the acceptance of contributions and the making of expenditures by CFS are in direct violation of the law.

Election Code Requirements.

The Election Code clearly specifies certain requirements of an authorized Candidate Political Committee. Section 3242(b) states in part:

Every candidate who authorizes a committee or committees, to receive and disburse funds on behalf of this candidacy, shall name a sole treasurer, irrespective of the number of committees so authorized, to receive and disburse all funds for said committees.

In addition, §3243 states in part:

No treasurer of any political committee shall receive any money on behalf of a candidate until such political committee shall have been so authorized in writing by the candidate on a form designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. A copy of such written authorization shall be filed with the appropriate supervisor....

² “Democrats find Solution to Squabble over Control of State Committee,” Brad Bumstead and Gideon Bradshaw, [TribLive](#), June 19, 2014.

It is clear that Wolf always intended and continues to intend for CFS to act and function as his authorized Candidate Political Committee together with TWGC. No reference to the support of legislative candidates by CFS changes this. Wolf created CFS on behalf of his candidacy and directed it to raise and disburse money to benefit his campaign. Any inclusion of legislative candidates is but a fiction to avoid compliance with the law and presumably to appear as if it is a separate entity independently supporting Wolf's candidacy. It does not change the requirements that Wolf, McGinty and the committees must comply with §§3242(b) and 3243. A candidate is not limited to a single Candidate Political Committee, so there is no excuse for CFS not complying with the law.

CFS has been receiving and disbursing funds in violation of the Election Code since its inception and registration, and Wolf, McGinty, Newsome, Mikus and TWGC are in knowing violation of the Election Code, for the following reasons:

1. Wolf has not filed with the Department of State the written candidate authorization required by the statute for CFS. As such, CFS is not legally entitled to operate and at best its registration should be re-classified by the Department as "pending." Under §3243, "[n]o treasurer of any political committee shall receive any money on behalf of a candidate until such political committee shall have been so authorized in writing by the candidate on a form designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth."

2. Wolf authorized CFS to receive and disburse funds on behalf of his candidacy for Governor, although he knowingly failed to do so in compliance with §§3242 and 3243. He was required under §3242(b) to "name a sole treasurer, irrespective of the number of committees so authorized, to receive and disburse all funds for said committees." He has not named a sole treasurer for TWGC and CFS and this is a violation of the Election Code. He was required to file a written candidate authorization of CFS with the Department under §3243, but he has not in violation of the Election Code.

3. Newsome, the Treasurer of TWGC, should be serving as the Treasurer of CFS as well, as required by §3242(b).

4. As CFS needs to have the same Treasurer as TWGC, there is legally a vacancy in the position of Treasurer of CFS, as Mikus is not permitted to serve in that role. As such, CFS is in violation of §3242(a), which states that "[n]o contribution shall be received nor shall any expenditure be made when there is a vacancy in either" the office of treasurer or chairman. Furthermore, §3242(a) also states that: "All money received and disbursed by a political committee must be done through the treasurer of the committee." Since Mikus is not legally the treasurer of CFS, he and CFS have been receiving and disbursing money in violation of the law.

5. Since Wolf has violated the law in not naming a sole treasurer for the two Committees, it is unclear as to whether he intended Newsome or Mikus to serve as the

sole treasurer of the Committees. As such, Newsome and TWGC may also have been illegally receiving and disbursing funds since at least June 25, 2014, when CFS was registered, if Wolf intended Mikus to be the sole treasurer.

6. The TWGC Registration and CFS Registration are also in violation of the law in that they failed to disclose the name and address of any affiliated and connected organizations, and each was required to disclose the other. See Attachments "A," "B," and "E." This is a knowing violation of §3244(b)(4).

7. CFS is in further violation of the law in that it did not identify a single candidate that it was supporting in its CFS Registration as required by §3244(b), even though Wolf, McGinty, Newsome and Mikus knew this to be false.

8. Wolf signed a Candidate's Affidavit under §2870 when he filed his Nomination Petition to run in the Democratic Primary for Governor stating, *inter alia*, "that he will not knowingly violate any provision of this act, or any law regulating and limiting nomination and election expenses and prohibiting corrupt practices in connection therewith...." Wolf's own public statements indicate that he knew that CFS was acting as an authorized Candidate Political Committee and needed to be registered and disclosed as such. In signing the Candidate Affidavit he was on notice of his obligation to comply with the law regarding election expenses and other provisions of the Election Code. His failure to cause CFS to comply with the law and his disclaimer violations discussed below are a knowing violation of his Candidate's Affidavit.

9. Wolf, McGinty, Newsome and Mikus also had direct knowledge of the campaign finance requirements of the Election Code in that under §3259 the Secretary furnishes "to the persons, subject to the provisions of this act, a bookkeeping and reporting manual and the prescribed forms for the making of the reports and statements required to be filed under this article." The Department also posts on its website, at http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/reporting_law/17466, a Campaign Finance Guide. Furthermore, in signing the Acceptance and Appointment of their respective positions with the committees, McGinty, Mikus and Newsome were required to state as follows: "I understand the campaign finance reporting law requirements."

10. Wolf, McGinty, CFS, Newsome, Mikus and/or their respective agents, have violated §3258(a) in that CFS has made "expenditures for the purpose of financing communications expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate..." through public political advertising as described in that section. CFS has made expenditures advocating the election of Wolf and the defeat of Governor Corbett in this year's November election. These public communications were required to include a disclaimer as follows:

(1) If authorized by the candidate, his authorized political committee or their agents, shall clearly and conspicuously state that the communication has been authorized.

(2) If not authorized by a candidate, his authorized political committee, or their agents, shall clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication, including, in the case of a political committee the name of any affiliated or connected organization.

The disclaimer for the CFS communications described above must comply with §3258(a)(1), and it does not. The law requires that the public political communications of CFS that advocate the election of Wolf and the defeat of Governor Corbett must “clearly and conspicuously state that the communication has been authorized” by Wolf or TWGC. This was a knowing violation of the law. Even if CFS thought it did not have to comply with §3258(a)(1), it still wilfully failed to comply with §3258(a)(2) in that it was required to identify TWGC as an affiliated committee. This requirement applies to TWGC as well since the date the CFS Registration was filed.

Based upon the foregoing facts, actions and material omissions, the Department should promptly notify TWGC and CFS that they must immediately cease and desist from receiving all contributions and disbursing any funds until they are in full compliance with the Election Code.

Penalties.

There are penalties that arise as a result of the conduct of the parties outlined in this complaint. Those penalties are identified in part under the following Sections of the Election Code:

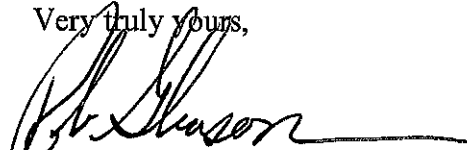
1. §3257 Proceedings against candidates violating provisions relating to contributions and expenditures.
2. §3540 Receipts and Disbursement of ...election expenses by persons other than candidates and treasurers.
3. §3541 Receipt of ...election expenses by unauthorized persons under §3243.
4. §3551 Candidate violating act disqualified from holding office.

In a public statement issued by McGinty relating to the formation of CFS, she said: “We need to shake up the status quo, and that goes from everything to changing the way we campaign to changing the way we govern.”³ Regrettably, McGinty’s desire to change the “way we campaign” seems to include a disregard for the requirements of the Election Code.

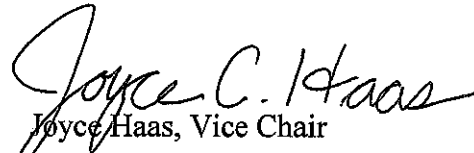
We ask that you promptly take action to enforce the Election Code and to redress these violations. We look forward to your prompt action.

³ See, e.g. §3242(b), *Tom Wolf’s new PAC could threaten the state Democratic Party*, Steve Esack, The Morning Call, June 20, 2014.

Very truly yours,



Rob Gleason, Chair



Joyce Haas, Vice Chair

cc: Hon. Kathleen Kane, Attorney General
Jonathan Marks, Commissioner, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and
Legislation, PA Department of State

Attachment

A

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
POLITICAL COMMITTEE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS BEING FILED ON BEHALF OF ☒ COMMITTEE ☐ CONTRIBUTING LOBBYIST DATE 6/23/14

NAME OF COMMITTEE OR LOBBYIST <u>Campaign for a Fresh Start</u>		CHECK BELOW: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INITIAL REGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED REGISTRATION
ADDRESS <u>PO BOX 22386</u>		
CITY <u>Philadelphia</u>	STATE <u>PA</u>	ZIP-PLUS FOUR <u>19110</u>
COUNTY <u>Philadelphia</u>		IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT: FILER ID NUMBER _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: AREA <u>1</u> (215) <u>948-2520</u>		CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
E-MAIL ADDRESS: <u>mike.mikus@mikemikus.com</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW COMMITTEE ADDRESS
IS THIS A CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW CHAIRPERSON
		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW TREASURER
		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ (SPECIFY)

SUPPORTED CANDIDATES

List below the names of candidates the committee/lobbyist intends to support, or candidates who have authorized the committee to receive funds on their behalf. A committee that is not a candidate's authorized political committee may list the *offices* of candidates it intends to support (e.g., Statewide, Legislative, Judicial, Local, All) and need not list names of specific candidates.

Name of Candidate(s)	Address	Office Sought	Political Party/Body

IF THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A BALLOT QUESTION, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

THIS COMMITTEE ☐ SUPPORTS ☐ OPPOSES THE FOLLOWING BALLOT QUESTION:

HOW LONG DOES THE COMMITTEE (OR LOBBYIST) INTEND TO OPERATE:

☐ ELECTION YEAR _____ ONLY ☒ INDEFINITELY

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AFFILIATED AND CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

Affiliated means (1) authorized committees of the same candidate, and (2) committees, including separate segregated funds, established, administered, maintained or controlled by the same corporation, unincorporated association, person or group of persons, including a parent, subsidiary, branch, division, dept. or local unit.

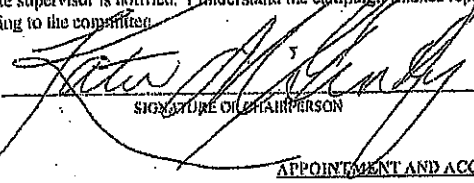
Connects means an organization which is not a political committee but which directly or indirectly establishes, maintains, controls or administers the registrant, such as a corporation, an unincorporated association, a membership organization, a cooperative or a trade association.

NAME OF AFFILIATED/CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS	MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE	RELATIONSHIP TO REGISTRANT

APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRPERSON

FULL NAME OF CHAIRPERSON <u>Katie McGinty</u>		MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE <u>PO BOX 22386</u>
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA <u>215</u> NUMBER <u>948-2520</u>		<u>Philadelphia, PA 19110</u>


I accept the appointment of chairperson of this committee until the final campaign finance report is filed, or until my successor is duly chosen and the appropriate supervisor is notified. I understand the campaign finance reporting law requirements. I also understand that if I wish to resign, I must do so in writing to the committee.


 6/23/14
SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON DATE

APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER

FULL NAME OF TREASURER <u>Mike Mikus</u>		MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE <u>PO BOX 22386</u>
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA <u>215</u> NUMBER <u>948-2520</u>		<u>Philadelphia, PA 19110</u>

I accept the appointment of treasurer of this committee until the final campaign finance report is filed, or until my successor is duly chosen and the appropriate supervisor is notified. I understand the campaign finance reporting law requirements. I also understand that if I wish to resign, I must do so in writing to the committee.

 6/23/14
SIGNATURE OF TREASURER DATE

LIST BELOW NAMES OF BANKS, SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OR OTHER FINANCIAL REPOSITORIES		
NAME OF BANKS, REPOSITORIES, ETC.	MAILING ADDRESS	
<u>MIT Bank</u>	<u>21 E. Market St</u> <u>York, PA 17401</u>	
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT <u>Mike Mikus</u>	SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT <u></u>	DATE <u>6/23/14</u>

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Katie McGinty: Launching the Campaign for a Fresh Start

JULY 07, 2014 | BY KATIE MCGINTY, CHAIRWOMAN

Today, I'm excited to announce the launch of the Campaign for a Fresh Start, a new organization that is coordinating with Tom Wolf and House and Senate Democrats to help bring real change to Harrisburg.

I was honored when Tom asked me to serve as Chair of the Campaign for a Fresh Start, but I also know that we need all Pennsylvanians concerned about the future of our state standing with us if we're going to win in November.

Governor Corbett and his allies have harmed working families with their misguided policies, but it's on us to help elect Tom Wolf and Democratic majorities in the legislature who will create jobs, invest in education, and rebuild a strong middle class.

Tom and I need your support in launching this new organization because mobilizing grassroots supporters across Pennsylvania is crucial to how we're going to win this election.

So if you're with Tom and me, and our Democratic House and Senate leadership, then we need you to help build the Campaign for a Fresh Start by telling your friends about it and asking them to get involved, too.

Please like Fresh Start PA on Facebook:

<http://action.FreshStartPA.org/Facebook>

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<http://action.FreshStartPA.org/Twitter>

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☐ AMENDED REGISTRATION

IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT:

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CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

☐ NEW COMMITTEE ADDRESS

☐ NEW CHAIRPERSON

☐ NEW TREASURER

☐ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY)

SUPPORTED CANDIDATES

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Name of Candidate(s)	Address	Office Sought	Political Party/Body
Thomas W. Wolf	25 Front St, PO Box 504 Mount Wolf, PA 17347	Governor	Democrat

IF THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A BALLOT QUESTION, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

THIS COMMITTEE ☐ SUPPORT'S ☐ OPPOSES THE FOLLOWING BALLOT QUESTION:

HOW LONG DOES THE COMMITTEE (OR LOBBYIST) INTEND TO OPERATE:

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AFFILIATED AND CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

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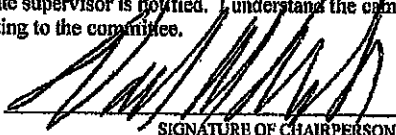
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NAME OF AFFILIATED/CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS	MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE	RELATIONSHIP TO REGISTRANT

APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRPERSON

FULL NAME OF CHAIRPERSON David M. Barasch	MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE 4227 Orchard Hill Rd
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA 717 NUMBER 215-5666	Harrisburg, PA 17110

I accept the appointment of chairperson of this committee until the final campaign finance report is filed, or until my successor is duly chosen and the appropriate supervisor is notified. I understand the campaign finance reporting law requirements. I also understand that if I wish to resign, I must do so in writing to the committee.


SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON

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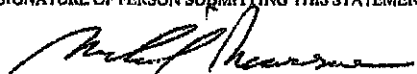
APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER

FULL NAME OF TREASURER Michael Newsome	MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE 2183 Salisbury St.
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA 717 NUMBER 852-4860	York, PA 17408

I accept the appointment of treasurer of this committee until the final campaign finance report is filed, or until my successor is duly chosen and the appropriate supervisor is notified. I understand the campaign finance reporting law requirements. I also understand that if I wish to resign, I must do so in writing to the committee.


SIGNATURE OF TREASURER

4/2/2013
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LIST BELOW NAMES OF BANKS, SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OR OTHER FINANCIAL REPOSITORIES		
NAME OF BANKS, REPOSITORIES, ETC. M & T Bank	MAILING ADDRESS 21 E. Market St. York, PA 17401	
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT Michael Newsome	SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT 	DATE 4/2/2013

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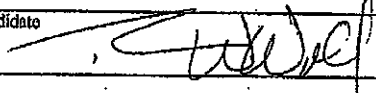
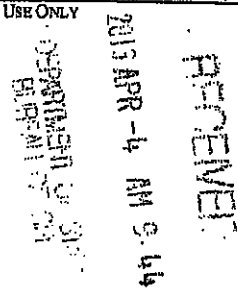
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**AUTHORIZATION FOR A POLITICAL COMMITTEE
TO RECEIVE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF A CANDIDATE**

The Pennsylvania Election Code provides that no treasurer of a political committee shall receive any money on behalf of a candidate until such political committee has been authorized in writing by the candidate on a form designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The written authorization shall be filed with the appropriate supervisor prior to receiving funds on behalf of the candidate.

NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE Tom Wolf For Governor		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA/NUMBER 717-852-4860
ADDRESS OF COMMITTEE PO Box 1707		
CITY York	STATE PA	ZIP PLUS FOUR 17405

NAME OF CANDIDATE AUTHORIZING POLITICAL COMMITTEE Thomas W. Wolf		
OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE Governor	DISTRICT NUMBER	NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY/BODY Democrat
ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE 25 Front St, PO Box 504		
CITY Mount Wolf	STATE PA	ZIP PLUS FOUR 17347

I hereby authorize the political committee named above to receive contributions on behalf of my candidacy.

Signature of Candidate 	Date of Authorization 4/2/13
Any state, county, city, borough, township, ward or other regularly constituted party committee of any political party or political body is hereby authorized to receive money on behalf of the candidates of such political party or political body in a general, municipal or special election without special written authorization from such candidate. However, authorization is required for such committees to receive funds on behalf of a candidate in a primary election.	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
	

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c/o MICHAEL NEWSOME
2183 SALISBURY ST
YORK, PA 17408

We have received the political committee registration document you filed and have registered you as a contributing CPC, assigning the Identification Number that is printed above your name in the address area of this letter. Please include this Filer Identification Number on any campaign finance reports, registration amendments or correspondence that you file in this bureau.

As treasurer, you will be responsible for maintaining contribution and expenditure records for the committee, and for filing pre- and post-election and annual campaign finance reports. Please become familiar with the enclosed material:

- Schedule of Campaign Finance Report Dates.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

There are several methods for filing campaign finance reports with the Department of State: We encourage you to file via the Internet through our online filing application; it's fast and easy! You may file by diskette or CD, using software developed according to the Department's technical specifications; or file on paper using the prescribed report form. You will find technical specifications for disk reports, a list of vendors of approved filing software, online filing information, and Campaign Finance Report forms through the Campaign Finance link at the department's web page www.dos.state.pa.us. The web site also includes a copy of the Campaign Finance Reporting Law.

You will notice that each report requires the filer to take an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the report. If you file online or by disk, you must print the cover page and submit the signed, notarized affidavit to the Department by mail. The data from the reports is posted to the web site for public review.

WHERE TO FILE

Reports must be transmitted to: Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections, 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0029. If you choose to file in person, the North Office Building is located at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and North Street.

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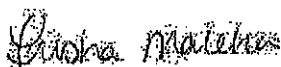
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I hope this information is helpful to you in complying with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 717-787-5280 or e-mail Kris Lucas, of my staff, at 717-787-5280 or by email at ra-stcampaignfinance@state.pa.us.

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Democrats find solution to squabble over control of state committee



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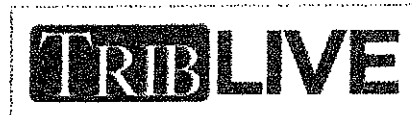
Katie McGinty, who lost the Democratic primary gubernatorial election to businessman Tom Wolf of York County, will chair his campaign committee.

By Brad Bumsted and Gideon Bradshaw

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 4:45 p.m.

HARRISBURG — Katie McGinty, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Tom Wolf's choice to head the Democratic State Committee, is withdrawing her challenge to party Chairman Jim Burn and will chair a committee to help elect Wolf in November.

The Wolf campaign on Thursday announced he is forming Campaign for a Fresh Start to get Democrats, Republicans and Independents to vote for him. McGinty, who will play a key role in Wolf's effort to oust Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, said Wolf is "a different kind of leader and this will be a different kind of campaign."



"We need to shake up the status quo, and that goes from everything to changing the way we campaign to changing the way we govern," she said.

G. Terry Madonna, a professor of political science at Franklin and Marshall College, said "the last thing he needs is an internal fight to destroy the party. Tom Wolf wants to take a unified Democratic Party into this fall's election."

Controlling money for the Wolf campaign from national Democratic organizations was said to be one reason that Wolf wanted his own person at the state committee. But in an email to state committee members last week, Wolf's pitch for McGinty was broader: "Democrats throughout Pennsylvania will have an energetic and compassionate voice who will fight for middle-class families. Katie will bring endless enthusiasm to counties throughout Pennsylvania. ... She will be our voice."

Burn, of Millvale, refused to stand down. On Thursday he congratulated McGinty on her new position.

"She brings a dynamic personality and skill set that will certainly help Tom Wolf as we all move forward," he said.

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald said he supports Fresh Start and Wolf's approach.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Burn is more worried about himself than the party," Fitzgerald said.

Burn, a Pittsburgh-area attorney, once served on Allegheny County Council and as Millvale mayor. He has said he would not resign because he believed leadership of the state organization should be a decision from the rank-and-file, not a top-down one.

Wolf's move allows both men to save face without a showdown at the state committee meeting near Harrisburg on Saturday.

Mike Mikus, McGinty's campaign manager, said McGinty had the votes but withdrew in the interest of party unity.

"We applaud Tom Wolf's creation of a new campaign program that will help us take back the majority," said Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa, D-Forest Hill.

"This is an innovative campaign effort, modeled after many successful campaign programs, both in Pennsylvania and nationally," said Sen. Matt Smith, D-Mt. Lebanon, co-chair of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

Wolf last week chose McGinty, a former Department of Environmental Protection Secretary under ex-Gov. Ed Rendell, as his choice to head the party. McGinty was one of three candidates who ran against the better-financed Wolf, who won the May 20 primary in a landslide.

McGinty, of Chester County, was widely credited with running a positive campaign. She was a former environmental adviser at the Clinton White House.

Wolf, a York businessman who ran as an outsider, won all 67 counties with a comprehensive TV ad campaign. The owner of a furniture distribution and supply company, he also served in Rendell's Cabinet as secretary of Revenue.

"This is probably the best for the party," said Pam Janvey, Pennsylvania Democratic Party recording secretary. "If there's anything you don't want, it's to tear the party asunder."

McGinty can be a campaign spokeswoman without inciting a tug-of-war over control of the party, said Janvey, of Bensalem Township in Bucks County.

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Wolf names McGinty for independent campaign committee



Katie McGinty, a former rival for the Democratic nomination, will lead the campaign committee handling some party functions.



GALLERY: Tom Wolf wanted to distance himself...

By Thomas Fitzgerald, Inquirer Politics Writer

POSTED: June 21, 2014

Tom Wolf, the Democratic nominee for Pennsylvania governor, short-circuited a nasty fight for control of the state party Thursday by announcing an independent campaign committee to take over many of its functions.

Katie McGinty, a former rival for the nomination, will head the Campaign for a Fresh Start, Wolf said. The organization will handle communications, research, voter turnout efforts, and coordination with the campaign committees for Democratic legislators.

Wolf had named McGinty as his choice to lead the party. But the incumbent, Jim Burn of Allegheny County, was fighting to keep his job, raising the prospect of a floor fight at Saturday's state-committee meeting near Harrisburg.

"It became clear that the best way for Tom to move forward and get his message out was through this vehicle," said Mark Nicoastre, a spokesman for the Wolf campaign. He said the candidate would not attend the Democratic State Committee event.

By custom, a party gubernatorial nominee's pick for chairperson is ratified by the committee at the first gathering after the primary. At times, the rank and file has balked at a choice, but those disputes rarely play out as publicly as this one has.

McGinty said she had the votes lined up to win.

Burn, who has deep pockets of support on the state committee, was upbeat about his prospects.

"The state committee asked me to stay in February," Burn said in a statement. "They asked me to stay now. I serve them and I said yes."

Burn added that the Democrats are a "happy, united fleet" aimed at defeating Gov. Corbett, and he congratulated McGinty on her new position.

Some saw the move as a defeat for Wolf. Republican spokeswoman Megan Sweeney called him "a typical politician who tried to force his choice ... onto a party that doesn't trust his judgment."

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Wolf advisers and political analysts said his decision prevents a distracting intra-party fight and enables the candidate to avoid seeming beholden to party bosses.

"In an ironic way, this helps Tom Wolf, because it positions him as even more independent," said Larry Ceisler, a Democratic consultant in Philadelphia who is not involved in the campaign.

Wolf, a York businessman and former state revenue secretary, spent \$10 million of his own money in his primary campaign. He had nearly 80 percent of the vote and won all 67 counties.

"Tom Wolf is a different kind of leader, and this will be a different kind of campaign," McGinty said in a statement. "We need to shake up the status quo."

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Tom Wolf's new PAC could threaten state Democratic Party

Gubernatorial candidate creates mechanism to bypass party leadership.

June 20, 2014 | By Steve Esack, Call Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG — The Nov. 4 election between Republican Gov. Tom Corbett and Democrat Tom Wolf is being billed as historic.

Either Wolf becomes the first challenger to knock off a sitting Pennsylvania governor since the 1980s. Or Corbett makes a monstrous comeback from poll numbers that show him a solid 20 points down.



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But before Wolf can tackle Corbett, he needs to navigate his way through a battle in his own party.

The Pennsylvania State Democratic Party's financial and political significance is being threatened by an internal power struggle between Chairman Jim Burn of Allegheny County and Wolf, the wealthy York County businessman who won the primary election in a landslide over three other candidates.

From the voters' standpoint, the rivalry means nothing, said Marcel Green, Montgomery County Democratic Party chairman.

"But from the state party's perspective, it's a disaster potentially," he said.

It's a fight over money and tradition.

Tradition dictates that as the Democratic nominee, Wolf gets to pick the state party leader. But Burn, who has had the job since 2010, has refused to step down so Wolf's nominee, Katie McGinty, could have a smooth confirmation vote this weekend at a Democratic State Committee meeting in Camp Hill.

Rather than face a contested committee vote, Wolf and McGinty are staying away from the meeting and creating their own state-based political action committee to rival the state party's PAC.

Wolf's new "Campaign for a Fresh Start" PAC, which McGinty will chair, could bleed dry the state party's campaign war chest of \$327,099 and leave it nearly insolvent, according to Democratic Party insiders.

The Fresh Start PAC is being compared to the Organizing for America PAC that Barack Obama set up to run for president in 2008 and for re-election in 2012. Obama's PAC worked independently of the state parties to raise money, spend money and run get-out-the-vote messages.

Wolf's PAC would work the same way in Pennsylvania politics, which could leave the state party with little to no money and few responsibilities in the general election or future elections if Wolf keeps his PAC running as Obama did.

"Where it will make a difference is where some money is going to be directed," said Larry Celster, a former Democratic campaign manager who runs a public relations firm in Philadelphia.

The money could already be drying up for the state party.

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In a show of solidarity with Wolf, the state House and Senate Democratic campaign committees said they will work with the Fresh Start PAC. That coordination is expected to include campaign contributions. If that happens, the state party's coffers would take a big hit.

"This is an innovative campaign effort, modeled after many successful campaign programs, both in Pennsylvania and nationally, and the [Senate campaign committee] is thrilled to be part of the Campaign for a Fresh Start," said Sen. Matt Smith of Allegheny County, co-chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

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Between May 6 and June 9, the state party got \$165,660 in contributions, state campaign finance records show.

Of that, \$74,925 or 45 percent came from the House Democratic Campaign Committee. Another \$65,750 — or 40 percent — came from the campaign committees of Democratic state Sens. Jay Costa of Allegheny County, and Christine Tartaglione and Hardy Williams, both of Philadelphia.

"In order to get a fresh start in Pennsylvania, we need to shake up and down the ballot in November, and we're thrilled that Wolf and McGinty know that," said Rep. Tim Briggs of Montgomery County, the House Democratic Campaign Committee chairman.

National PACs are expected to donate directly to Wolf's campaign or PAC and bypass the state Democratic Party.

In a statement, McGinty, one of the candidates Wolf beat in the May primary, said: "We need to shake up the status quo, and that goes from everything to changing the way we campaign to changing the way we govern."

Burn could not be reached for comment.

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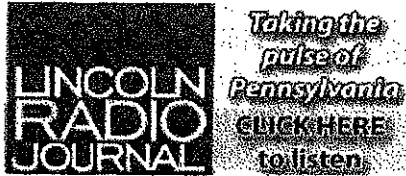
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Wolf's PAC calls on Corbett to fire adviser

By Andrew Staub | PA Independent

First, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette broke the story that Ron Tomalis, a special adviser to Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett on education matters, makes about \$140,000 a year, yet hasn't created much of a paper trail to record whether he's meeting expectations.

Then, activist and state House candidate [Gene Stilp](#) employed his usual strategy, asking the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission to investigate Tomalis, who had been secretary of education for Corbett before moving into the advisory role.

And now — as is the norm in politics — Corbett's Democratic challenger, [Tom Wolf](#), has seized the situation to blast his opponent. The Campaign for a Fresh Start, a PAC created by Wolf, sent out an email Wednesday morning that posed a simple question: "When will Tom Corbett fire Ron Tomalis?"



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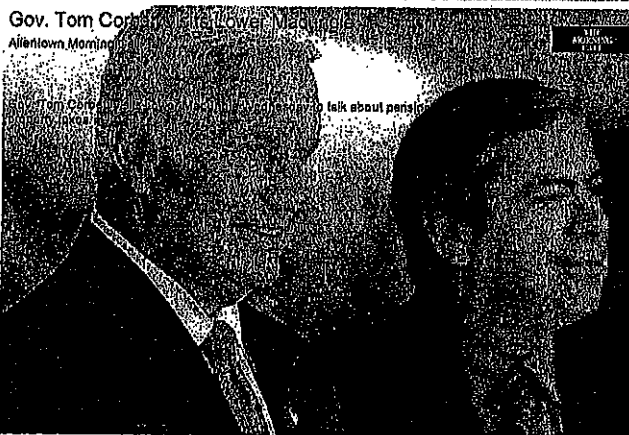
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Gov. Tom Corbett visits Lower Macungie Wednesday to talk about pension reform and property taxes.

By Adam Clark and Laura Olsen, Of The Morning Call
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Gov. Tom Corbett couldn't persuade the state Legislature to support pension reform. So now he's trying to persuade you and your neighbors to do it for him.

At his latest stop on a statewide tour, Corbett spoke at the Lower Macungie Township Community Center on Wednesday and told residents to connect the dots between school districts' rising pension costs and homeowners' soaring tax bills.

"The pension crisis affects everyone — everyone in Pennsylvania," Corbett said. "It does create real problems for many families of all economic income levels, and it leads to property tax increases."

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"If you have a Democrat legislator or you know a Democrat legislator, call on them," Corbett said. "Ask them why they think there's not a pension crisis, because you're paying for it. You're paying for it every time you pay an increase in your property taxes."

Trailing Democratic candidate Tom Wolf by 22 points in the polls, Corbett is trying to simplify a complicated issue and generate support from frustrated homeowners. Unless the state passes pension reform, Pennsylvania residents could have to fix their old car instead of buying a new one and might not be able to buy that home they dreamed of owning, he said.

As an example, he introduced Patricia Felix, a 72-year-old retired Bethlehem woman who is a registered Republican and was once president of the Bethlehem GOP.

Felix said she will have to dip into her own 401(k) to pay for the Bethlehem Area School District's 6 percent tax increase. That isn't fair, Felix said, which is why she supports Corbett's plans for pension reform.

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"This is about making life better for the people and the homeowners of Pennsylvania," Corbett said.

Flanked by state and local government officials, local residents and a Boy Scout, Corbett spoke next to a visual aid displaying Lehigh County school districts' rising pension costs.

Over the past decade, pension payments at the county's nine school districts have ballooned by \$31 million, or about 356 percent, Corbett said. Statewide pension costs during that time have increased by \$1.6 billion, or about 280 percent, he said. He noted those skyrocketing expenses have forced school districts to raise taxes on homeowners and business owners.

The governor's presentation was on point, said Jack Silva, the Bethlehem Area School District's chief academic officer.

"I'm no expert, and I don't know what the best solution is," Silva said in a phone interview, "but I do know that without a solution there is going to be a continuation of what we've seen."

Corbett did not explain what pension reform means for state and public school employees until he was asked during a question-and-answer session.

He supports a proposal by Rep. Mike Tobash, R-Schuylkill, allowing new employees to apply the first \$60,000 of their salaries toward benefits guaranteed by a traditional pension system. Any salary above that would be covered by a 401(k)-style private plan estimated to save taxpayers \$16 billion over 20 years.

Current employees and retirees would not see their benefits changed.

Sen. Pat Brown, R-Lehigh, and Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, also spoke, saying they support Corbett and pension reform.

Before the event began, the Campaign for a Fresh Start, the political action committee founded by Wolf, released a statement saying the governor continues to mislead voters about his failed record.

The statement blamed Corbett's previous budget cuts for higher school taxes, and criticized his resistance to instituting a severance tax on oil and gas companies — which Wolf favors — to cover the growing pension costs.

Wolf's PAC also pointed to Corbett's previous statement that pension reform will not result in immediate substantial savings.

As Corbett struggles to win over the Legislature on the need to promptly pass significant pension reforms, he's facing an even tougher battle in his bid for a second term amid meager poll numbers and the beginnings of a negative ad war.

After the pension event, the Republican incumbent brought in a little GOP star power to help bolster his campaign coffers. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal joined him at fundraiser Wednesday evening at the North Whitehall Township home of David and Jackie Jindal, the turkey farm magnates and residential and commercial land developers.

Jindal said in a phone interview before the fundraiser that as vice chairman of the Republican Governors Association, he's not concerned by Corbett's poll numbers. The state's lower unemployment rate and Corbett's spending cuts are signs that he made tough but necessary choices, Jindal said.

"I think Tom shows that he doesn't govern based on polls," said Jindal, who is mulling a 2016 presidential run. "He knows that it's about following your principles."

The 200-person fundraiser was anticipated to be the governor's largest in the Lehigh Valley during this election cycle. Corbett campaign spokesman Billy Pitman confirmed that the event raised \$350,000.

While it was a private event, some Lehigh Valley drivers may have caught a glimpse of Jindal anyway. To greet the two Republican governors, the Jindals bought a digital billboard ad along Route 22, featuring head shots of the two men.

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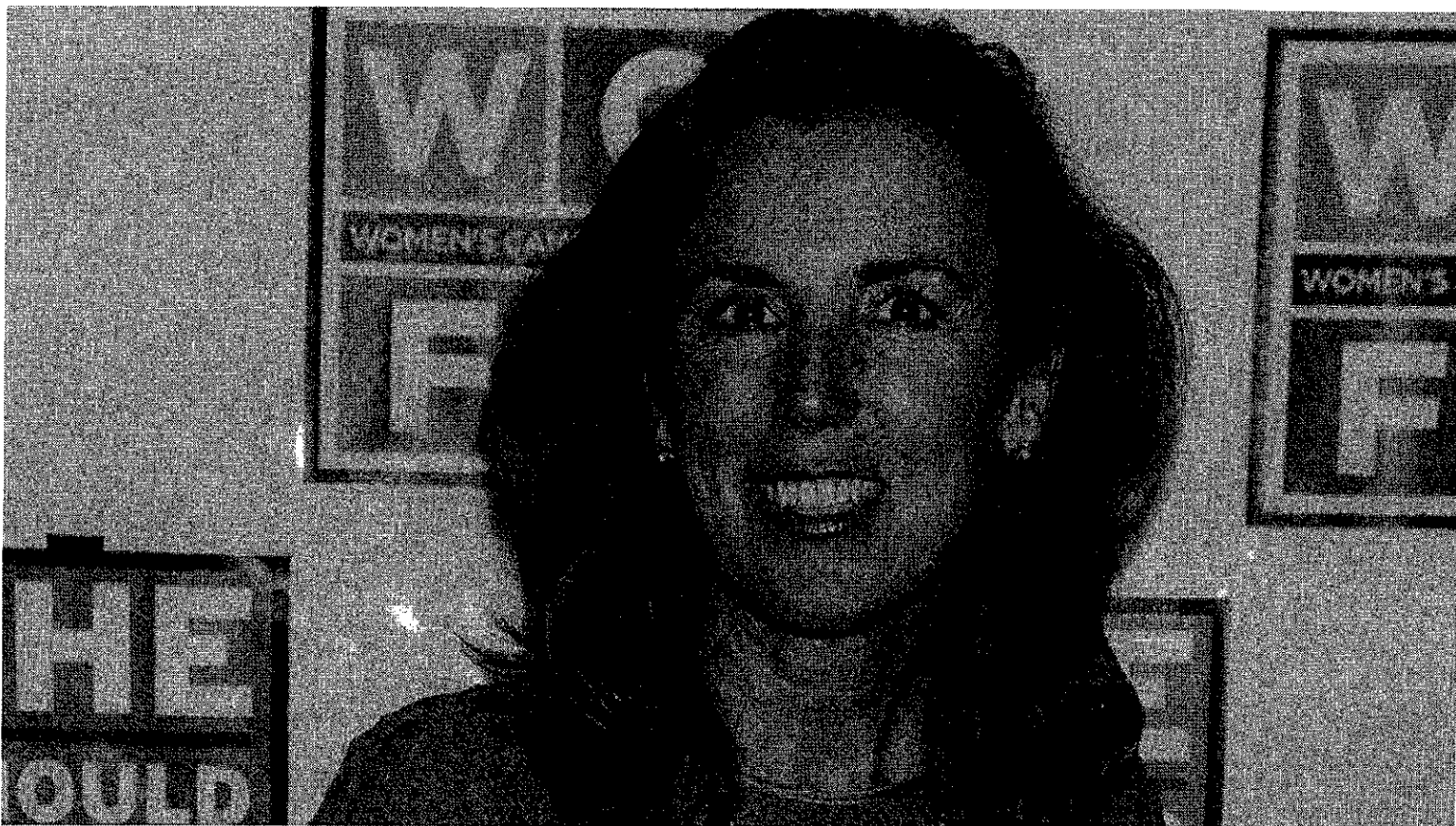
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The Democratic Comeback Kid In Pennsylvania

Former Rendell adviser Katie McGinty got crushed in this year's governor's race, but she's still got a promising political future.

BY EMILY SCHULTHEIS



Katie McGinty (Thos Robinson/Getty Images)

August 15, 2014 Katie McGinty, an environmental adviser to both Bill Clinton and former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell with large political ambitions, saw her political dreams dashed when she finished last in the Democratic governor's primary this spring. But instead of the setback hampering her political career, she's back on the fast track in Keystone State politics.

Earlier this spring, McGinty was one of three Democrats running against businessman Tom Wolf for the chance to take on unpopular GOP Gov. Tom Corbett; now, as the head of Wolf's political action committee, she's his top campaign surrogate, crisscrossing the state to blast Corbett and boost her former primary rival.

In a year filled with plenty of nasty and contentious intraparty contests, McGinty and Wolf are a rare case of cooperation—and active participation—among onetime 2014 opponents. And she's well positioned to parlay that teamwork into a bid for statewide office or Congress in 2016, where her chances of success will be stronger.

Wolf tapped McGinty, who came in last in the four-way primary, to run the Campaign for a Fresh Start, the PAC affiliated with his gubernatorial bid. The group will operate alongside the official campaign and parallel to the state party, helping with communications and research as well as running the coordinated campaign for other state legislative offices on the ballot in November. As the group's chairwoman, McGinty has become the public face of the opposition to Corbett's reelection.

"We've been friends and colleagues for some time now," McGinty told *National Journal* of Wolf. "And so Tom reached out almost immediately after the primary and we sat down to talk about how I could be most helpful to him."

Pennsylvania's gubernatorial primary was arguably the most costly and crowded Democratic primary on the map this year: at one point, eight candidates were vying for the chance to take on the vulnerable incumbent Corbett. That field narrowed to four by the final stretch before the May 20 vote: Wolf, McGinty, Rep. Allyson Schwartz, and state Treasurer Rob McCord.

When Wolf surged ahead in the polls this spring, both Schwartz and McCord went on the attack. Schwartz questioned Wolf's transparency as a candidate and his tenure at the Wolf Organization, his family's cabinet-making business; McCord went so far as to accuse Wolf of supporting a racist former mayor of York, Pa., an ad that drew rebukes from Democrats across the state as overly harsh.

McGinty was the only candidate who didn't go negative against Wolf, a decision she explained by blasting the overall negativity of Pennsylvania politics these days.

"Look, everybody chooses their tactics and strategies," she said. "For me, Tom Corbett has inflicted so much negativity on the state that there wasn't much room for more."

Wolf ultimately won with 58 percent of the vote, more than 40 points ahead of any of his opponents. Schwartz followed with 18 percent, then McCord with 17 percent and McGinty coming in fourth with 8 percent.

Of all of Wolf's former primary opponents, state observers say McGinty is a natural fit not just because she never went negative—but because she and Wolf also have worked together in the past and knew each other personally.

Indeed, McGinty and Wolf's time serving in Rendell's cabinet—McGinty as environmental protection director, Wolf as revenue secretary—overlapped, and the two have a long history together. That fact contributed to their congenial relationship during the primary and Wolf's decision to tap McGinty to aid his campaign.

"Not only are their personalities and skills complementary—they're actually friends," said Dan Fee, a veteran of former Gov. Ed Rendell's 2002 and 2006 campaigns.

Wolf had initially named McGinty as his pick to chair the state party, a position each gubernatorial nominee generally gets to fill. But the current chairman, Jim Burn, announced he would run again instead of backing down—and in an effort to avoid an intraparty leadership fight, Wolf opted instead to create Fresh Start, running many key 2014 operations through there instead of the state party.

McGinty has begun traveling the state for Fresh Start, holding press conferences and events with local candidates to blast Corbett over issues like cuts to education funding. In her role at Fresh Start, McGinty oversees a staff that includes several former colleagues from her campaign: Her campaign manager Mike Mikus, for example, serves as a senior strategist. Other staffers come from around the state, including Elena Cross, who most recently served as executive director for the state Democratic Party.

While a candidate PAC headed by a former rival is unprecedented in the Keystone State, one-time primary opponents helping each other out in various ways isn't. Back in 2002, Ed Rendell and Bob Casey faced off for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination; after a long and expensive two-man race, Rendell ultimately won the primary and went on to win two terms as governor. Casey endorsed Rendell and helped him out during the general election—a favor Rendell returned when he endorsed Casey's 2006 Senate bid against Republican incumbent Rick Santorum.

"There is that precedent—primary opponents have come together, and not just in name," said Charlie Lyons, a longtime Casey aide.

Veteran operatives in the state say McGinty's primary run, though unsuccessful, widely impressed Pennsylvania Democrats—meaning she's both an asset to Wolf now and a future candidate, if she's interested in running. Pennsylvania strategists say it's likely she'll be back on the ballot in 2016, whether it's for a statewide position or to run in Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District, if Republican Ryan Costello wins this fall.

"The conventional wisdom is that she was an effective candidate" who never got traction because it was such a crowded field, said Lyons. "Not only did Katie stay above the fray and stay positive, she also got pretty good reviews from the media and Democratic leaders for talking about issues, having a high level of energy, raising money—all the tools that you'd want to have for the role she's in [now]."

PLAY OF THE DAY: HOW AMERICA'S GREAT EXPERIMENT ENDS

Last night's late-night funnies: With violence in Ferguson, Mo., and conflict in the Middle East, is this what the end of the Great American Experiment looks like? (Hint: It's a selfie.)

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MEMO: Tom's Fresh Start Tour and Fresh Start Plan

POSTED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2014 BY TOM WOLF FOR GOVERNOR

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Joe Shafer, Wolf for Governor Campaign Manager

RE: Tom's Fresh Start Tour and Fresh Start Plan

DATE: February 28, 2014

Yesterday marked the completion of the first month of Tom Wolf's Fresh Start tour. Tom Wolf is the only candidate touring the state and talking with Pennsylvanians about his experience and vision for Pennsylvania's future. Here is what Tom has to say about his vision:

"I believe that Pennsylvania's best days are ahead of us – where a dynamic and growing economy will offer opportunities and help strengthen the middle class. Too often policy making is about the next deal or reacting to the latest crisis. It's time we think ahead. Politics in Harrisburg have failed us and we are plagued by a struggling middle class and failing economy." – Tom Wolf

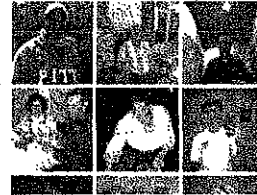
For the past month, Tom has traveled across the commonwealth talking with workers, business owners and struggling families about the need for a fresh start to get the state back on track,



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On January 27th, Tom kicked off his tour by visiting Chelsea Building Products where he discussed his manufacturing plan. The firm produces Wolf Organization products.

Post Gazette: Wolf tours Oakmont firm

York County businessman Tom Wolf stopped by an Oakmont manufacturer Monday, checking out products destined for his own firm in an effort to spotlight the successful business story that undergirds his bid for the Democratic nomination for governor.

<http://earlyreturns.post-gazette.com/home/early-returns-posts/5994-wolf-in-oakmont>

The first stops of Tom's tour focused on job creation and manufacturing. Tom toured manufacturing facilities in Johnstown, Erie, and York, where he talked about his manufacturing plan: <http://www.wolfforpa.com/sections/page/made-in-pa>. He also talked with workers, saw firsthand the cutting-edge technology that Pennsylvania businesses are using, and highlighted the type of businesses that he wants to bring to Pennsylvania as governor to help modernize our economy.

Tom's stop in Johnstown coincided with another push by Pennsylvania Republicans to push right-to-work legislation that would strip organized labor of many of their rights.

Tribune Democrat: Candidate opposes right-to-work step
When touring a local steel mill where more than 200 union employees work, Democratic Party gubernatorial candidate Tom Wolf discussed his opposition to making Pennsylvania a right-to-work state on Thursday.

<http://www.tribune-democrat.com/local/x1782779223/Candidate-opposes-right-to-work-step>

VIDEO: York Daily Record: Tom Wolf, Democratic



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"I care about the education a child

makes him best equipped to create jobs, invest in education, and build a stronger Pennsylvania. Our state has an abundance of natural resources, vibrant industries, world-class universities and colleges, and we are in an ideal geographic location to be the transportation hub between the East Coast, Midwest and global markets.

Tom's Fresh Start plan was praised across the state:

Post Gazette: Wolf the work

The Tom Wolf campaign has issued a wide-ranging compendium of proposals including a call for a progressive income tax, a ban on gifts to political appointees and voluntary public financing for state elections
<http://earlyreturns.post-gazette.com/home/early-returns-posts/6016-wolf-policy-plans>

For the past two weeks, Tom has talked about his plans to fix Pennsylvania's schools and build Pennsylvania's workforce. He is not focusing on just one facet of the problems we face, rather Tom is advocating for a stronger system starting with our youngest students.

Tom stopped by a childcare center in York to visit with children and announce a new workforce development policy proposal for early childhood educators.

<http://www.wolfforpa.com/sections/blog/tom-wants-to-invest-in-early-education-by-providing-educators-a-pathway-to-advance>

Tom has visited schools in Camp Hill, York, and Lancaster to talk about his plans to invest in public education and reverse the damage Tom Corbett has done to our public schools.

In the last week, Tom has visited with students at Dallastown High School and Cedar Cliff High School to hear from the future

MEMO: Tom's Fresh Start Tour and Fresh Start Plan - Tom Wolf fo... <http://www.wolfforpa.com/sections/press-releases/one-month-fresh-start>
Williamsport Sun Gazette: Gubernatorial candidate visits city to
meet Young Democrats

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Wolf told those at the meet-and-greet by the Lycoming County Young Democrats that he wants to "make a better Pennsylvania" through his approaches to the big issues. As Wolf, former state secretary of revenue, spoke to listeners at the Genetti Hotel Thursday evening, he said he would implement a 5-percent extraction tax on natural gas to generate about \$600 million a year largely to support education, fixing transportation infrastructure, "beefing up" the Department of Environmental Protection, and funding tax credits.
<http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/602217/Gubernatorial-candidate-visits-city-to-meet-Young-Democrats.html>

Citizens Voice: Gubernatorial Hopeful Wolf Talks Economy at Hanover Twp Stop

Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Tom Wolf, a York County businessman and former state revenue secretary, stopped in Luzerne County on Friday to talk about ways he would rebuild the economy and middle class and get the state back on track. Wolf, one of eight Democrats seeking the party's nomination to challenge Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, spoke with voters at Vino Dolce restaurant in Hanover Township during a stop on his "Fresh Start Tour." 'I think I know what it takes to succeed,' said Wolf, who is chairman and CEO of the York-based company the Wolf Organization, a supplier of kitchen cabinets and specialty building products. He served as secretary of revenue under former Gov. Ed Rendell. 'It's time for a fresh start. I don't like the direction we are going.'
<http://citizensvoice.com/news/gubernatorial-hopeful-wolf-talks-ecomony-at-hanover-twp-stop-1.1626982>


Now, more than ever, Pennsylvania is ready for a fresh start. In an election year, Tom Corbett is trying a make-over, painting a very different picture of what his priorities have been as governor. The truth is that Pennsylvania is plagued by a struggling economy, schools are suffering from insufficient funding, and Tom Corbett has provided no clear direction forward. This is unacceptable, and as governor, Tom Wolf will use his experience in business and government to create jobs, invest in education, and build a stronger Pennsylvania.

In the coming weeks and months, Tom will continue traveling around Pennsylvania to talk with people about his plan to give the state a fresh start and put our economy back on the right track. Wolf will also continue to highlight policy proposals that will provide a different direction for Pennsylvania and help grow Pennsylvania's middle class.

The Fresh Start tour will continue throughout the spring and Tom will continue to meet with the people of Pennsylvania.

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