

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 6, 2017

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THE HONORABLE SAMUEL B "SAM" GRAVES 1135 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20515

CANDIDATE ID NUMBER: H0MO06073

Response Due Date 03/13/2017

Dear Representative Graves:

This letter constitutes formal written notification that Graves for Congress is filing reports of receipts and disbursements (FEC FORM 3) that appear to be for the 2018 election. A review of these reports indicates that your principal campaign committee has net debts from the previous election cycle, and has accepted contributions and/or made expenditures in support of your 2018 candidacy in excess of \$5,000, thus meeting the definition of "candidate" per Federal Election Campaign Laws. (11 CFR § 100.3(a))

You must either disavow these activities by notifying the Commission in writing that you are not a candidate, or redesignate your principal campaign committee by filing a Statement of Candidacy (FEC FORM 2) within thirty-five (35) days from the date of this letter. The FEC FORM 2 can be downloaded from the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. (11 CFR § 101.1(a)) Please note that Senate candidates must file their Statement of Candidacy on paper with the Secretary of the Senate. (11 CFR § 105.2)

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Grainger in the Reports Analysis Division on the toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). Her local number is (202) 694-1171.

Sincerely,

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