



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Honorable John R. Thune  
1005 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4101

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Candidate ID Number: S2SD00068

Dear Mr. Thune:

This letter constitutes formal written notification that John Thune for South Dakota is filing reports of receipts and disbursements (FEC FORM 3) that appear to be for the 2002 Senate election.

A review of these reports indicates that your principal campaign committee has no debts from the previous election cycle, and has accepted contributions and/or made expenditures in support of your 2002 Senate candidacy in excess of \$5,000, thus meeting the definition of "candidate" per Federal Election Campaign Laws. (See 2 U.S.C. §431(2))

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 (30) days from the date of this letter. An FEC FORM 2 is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sheppard in the Reports Analysis Division on the toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). Our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry J. Conway".

Barry J. Conway  
Chief, Authorized Branch  
Reports Analysis Division

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(see reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full)		
(b) Address (number and street) <input type="checkbox"/> Check if address changed		2. Identification Number
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code		
3. Party Affiliation	4. Office Sought	5. State & District of Candidate

## DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

6. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the \_\_\_\_\_ election(s).  
(year of election)

**NOTE:** This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed below.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

## DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

7. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

**NOTE:** This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate	Date
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**NOTE:** Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

### CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

U.S. Senate mail to:  
Secretary of the Senate  
Office of Public Records  
232 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-7118

All other candidates  
mail to:  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

For further information contact:  
Federal Election Commission  
Toll-free 800/424-9530  
Local 202/694-1100

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# Instructions for Statement of Candidacy (FEC FORM 2)

### Who Must File FEC Form 2

Each individual who is a candidate for Federal office must file FEC FORM 2 or, if not filing electronically, a letter containing the same information within 15 days of becoming a candidate. Political committees (except for principal campaign committees of Senate candidates) must file reports in an electronic format under 11 CFR 104.18 if they have either received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$50,000 during a calendar year, or if they have reason to expect that they will exceed either of those thresholds during the calendar year. If the committee has reached this level of activity, you must file this form in an electronic format.

An authorized committee of a candidate is considered to have reason to expect it will exceed the electronic filing threshold for the next two calendar years after the calendar year in which it exceeds \$50,000 in contributions or expenditures.

A new authorized committee with no previous contributions or expenditures is considered to have reason to expect it will exceed the electronic filing threshold if it exceeds \$12,500 in contributions or expenditures during the first calendar quarter of the calendar year, or \$25,000 in contributions or expenditures in the first half of the calendar year.

Contact the FEC for more information on filing electronically.

An individual becomes a candidate for Federal office whenever any of the following events occur:

- The individual has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000;
- The individual has given his or her consent to another person to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of that individual and such person has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000;

- The aggregate of contributions received in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000 or the aggregate of expenditures made in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000.

Funds received and payments made for the purpose of determining whether an individual should become a candidate are not considered "contributions" or "expenditures" which may trigger candidacy. Only funds permissible under the Act may be used for such activities. See 11 CFR 100.7(b)(1) and 11 CFR 100.8(b)(1) for further information.

### When to File

FEC FORM 2 must be filed within 15 days after an individual becomes a candidate (i.e., exceeds the \$5,000 threshold as stated in 1, 2, and 3, above).

### Where to File

(See also instructions for Line 7, below.)

- Candidates seeking nomination or election to the United States Senate file with the Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116;
- All other candidates seeking nomination or election to any other Federal offices file with the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463;

House and Senate candidates must file a copy of this form with the state in which the office is sought, with the exception of candidates in states that have qualified for the Commission's state filing waiver program. Presidential candidates must file a copy of this form in states where they have made expenditures, with the exception of those states that have qualified for the Commission's state filing waiver program. A list of qualified states is available from the Federal Election Commission.

### Candidate Duties and Responsibilities

The candidate is personally responsible for the timely and complete filing of this Statement and for the accuracy of any information contained in it.

Any candidate who receives a contribution, obtains a loan or makes a disbursement in connection with his or her campaign is considered to have received the contribution, obtained the loan or made the disbursement as an agent of his or her authorized committee(s).

When an individual becomes a candidate, all funds received, loans obtained or disbursements made prior to becoming a candidate in connection with his or her campaign are considered to have been received, obtained, or made as an agent of his or her authorized committee(s) and must be reported in the first report filed by the candidate's principal campaign committee.

### Line-by-Line Instructions

**LINE 1.** Print or type complete name and street address of the candidate.

**LINE 2.** Candidates who have never run before, who are running in a different district, or who are seeking a different Federal office should leave this blank. When their Statement has been received, they will be assigned an identification number. Candidates who are seeking reelection, and candidates who have terminated a previous candidacy but are now running again for the same seat, should use their original identification number.

**LINES 3 - 5.** Provide the requested information.

**LINE 6.** Each candidate for Federal office (other than a nominee for the office of Vice President) must designate in writing a political committee to serve as his or her principal campaign committee. The name of the principal campaign committee must include the name of the candidate. The principal campaign com-

