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Alliance for a Better Minnesota Files Complaint with Federal Election Commission

Coleman's Use of Funds Not Compliant with Federal Code, Group Says

Saint Paul, Minn. -- Alliance for a Better Minnesota (ABM) a grassroots lobbying and online organizing group that works with progressive groups, filed a complaint today with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) regarding Senator Norm Coleman's use of campaign funds to pay for legal fees.

Recent news reports state that Coleman will be using funds raised for his re-election campaign to pay for legal fees associated with a reported ongoing FBI investigation and lawsuit. The lawsuit, filed in Texas, states that Coleman's friend Nasser Kazeminy funneled \$75,000 to Coleman through the Senator's wife.

"It's our understanding of federal code that the Senator can't use the funding for re-election for personal use, and these legal fees are considered personal use under the law," said Denise Cardinal, Executive Director of Alliance for a Better Minnesota.

A copy of the letter sent to the FEC can be found at ABM's website, www.allianceminnesota.org.

ABM is also providing Minnesotans the chance to sign a petition to show the FBI and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics support for the investigation by visiting:

<http://pnmn.bluestatedigital.com/page/petition/Investigatenorm>

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