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TO: **Representative Scott Schwab**
Chairman, Elections Committee
and other Committee Members

FROM: **Representative Pete DeGraaf**, 82nd District

DATE: Monday, February 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 2296** – Expanding use of Campaign Funds

This summer a commonly held practice of using campaign funds to support charitable causes was re-examined by the our Ethics Commission and found a bit out of line. This bill is an attempt to clarify community service or civic organizations should and does include churches or Federally recognized 501(c)3 organizations. If this bill passes, it means you can donate to your local girl and boy scout troops, a church or Lion's Club pancake feed.

Without it, it could be determined by the Ethics Commission that our standard efforts to support the Special Olympics and the "Shrimp Peel" could not come from campaign funds.

I commend you for serving and hope you will help clarify what I believe is a mis-reading of legislative intent. **I urge you to pass HB 2296 FAVORABLY for Passage.**

It is a pleasure serving you.

Respectfully,

Rep Pete DeGraaf