



# MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN

FINANCE NETWORK 

**March 13th, 2024**

*Executive Director, Nick Pigeon*

## WHO ARE WE?

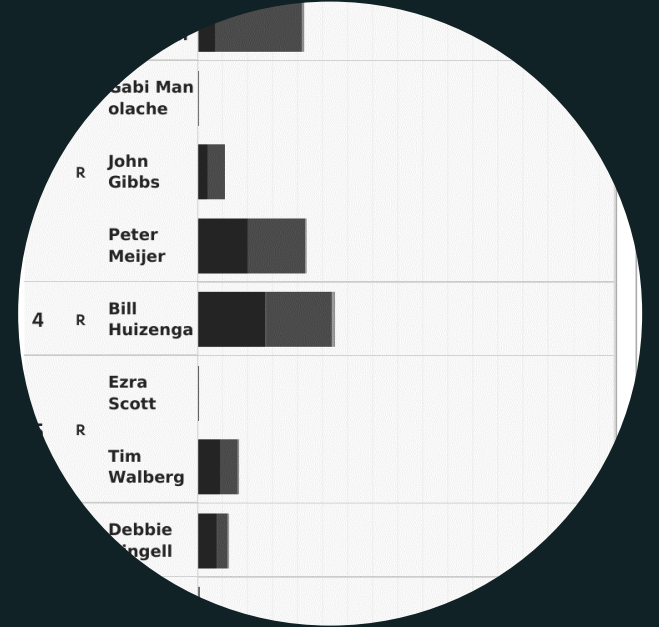
*The Michigan Campaign Finance Network is a nonpartisan organization that started in 1996 with the altruistic goal of increasing public awareness of the impact that money has on politics. From the beginning, MCFN has been committed to making valuable fact-based information accessible to the public, voters, and policymakers so that Michigan can thrive for the people, by the people.*



Original investigative reporting and research



Outreach via presentations, trainings



Serve as a resource for policymakers, journalists and the public

# WHAT WE DO



Advocate for specific policies



Anything particularly partisan



Accept anonymous donations over \$250

## WHAT WE DON'T DO

# AGENDA

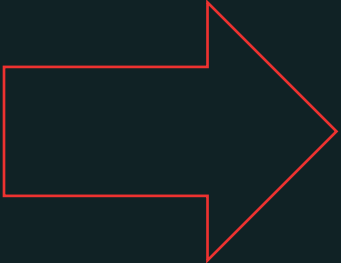
1. *Campaign finance committees from the most to the least transparent*
2. *How 501(c)(4) nonprofits keep money secret and anonymize donors to ballot question committees and independent expenditure committees*
3. *What other states have done*

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE: COMMON FUNDRAISING VEHICLES

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Who oversees</u>	<u>Who can donate</u>	<u>Contribution limits</u>	<u>Disclosure</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Campaign	MDOS/County	People, other MI PACs	Varies by office and county pop.	Filings to MDOS/County Clerk	Can only give token amounts to other candidates. PACs can give 10 times the amount an individual person is able to.
Independent and Political Committees (aka Leadership PACs)	MDOS/County	People, other MI PACs	None	Filings to MDOS/County Clerk	Ability to “stack” multiple leadership PACs essentially nullifies donation limits.
Independent Expenditure Committees (aka Super PACs)	MDOS	Anyone domestic entity	None	Filings to MDOS.	Can’t directly coordinate with campaigns, but under 2017 law, candidates can fundraise for one that may later “independently” help them. Can be a dark money intermediary.
Section 527 Accounts	IRS	Anyone domestic entity	None. (But can’t give to most MI PACs w/o registering)	Giving and spending to IRS via form 8872	It’s a broad catch-all for tax-exempt political entities under the tax code. (e.g. all FEC-disclosing PACs are 527s, but not all 527s are FEC-registered.) State PACs don’t need to file. Can also be a dark money intermediary.
501(c)(4) Nonprofits	IRS	Anyone domestic entity	None.	Barely, via form 990 to the IRS.	The dark money vehicle of choice. Uses (generally): 1) Paying “administrative” expenses, e.g., travel, meals, etc. 2) Anonymizing contributions to MI PACs that accept corporate funds (often ballot committees). 3) Directly running issue ads in elections.

# NONPROFITS OBSCURE DONORS, BALLOT COMMITTEES

Individual Donors



Give unlimited funds

## Domestic LLC's and 501(c)(4) organizations

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Form Revision Date 07/2016

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
For use by DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, the undersigned corporation executes the following Articles:

**ARTICLE I**  
The name of the corporation is:  
[REDACTED]

**ARTICLE II**  
The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are:  
1. The Corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation described under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare to benefit the common good and general welfare of the community, and more specifically to:  
(a) conduct educational research and analyses and inform the public on public policies and issues of concern to and affecting the quality of life and jobs and livelihood for Michigan residents and providing an understanding of how current policy initiatives will affect their well-being, including the importance of investing in state and local roads and other infrastructure;  
(b) support and participate in educational forums, conferences, events and other meetings relating to these public policy issues;  
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(d) promote the common good, economic growth and general welfare of the people of Michigan;  
(e) to increase civic engagement and voter turnout; and  
(f) conduct all activities incidental or necessary to accomplishing the foregoing and related purposes or otherwise permitted by Section 501(c)(4) of the Code.  
2. The Corporation will at all times be conducted as an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code. The Corporation will not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Code, or (b) a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan pursuant to the Act.  
3. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation may inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers or other private persons; provided, however, that the Corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

**ARTICLE III**  
The Corporation is formed upon  basis.  
If formed on a stock basis, the total number of shares the corporation has authority to issue is   
If formed on a nonstock basis, the description and value of its real property assets are (if none, insert "none"):  
None  
The description and value of its personal property assets are (if none, insert "none"):  
None  
The corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:  
Gifts, grants, contributions of funds and property from individuals, corporations and other organizations, and the income generated therefrom, and receipts from any activity that is not an unrelated trade or business.  
The Corporation is formed on a  basis.

**ARTICLE IV**



# Nonprofits obscure donors, ballot committees

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The Corporation is formed on a  Directorship  basis.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Entity type:** DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION

**Identification Number:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Incorporation in Michigan:** 03/30/2023

**Purpose:** Other

**Term:** Perpetual

**Most Recent Annual Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Most Recent Annual Report with Officers & Directors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The name and address of the Resident Agent:**

**Resident Agent Name:** [REDACTED]

**Street Address:** [REDACTED] **A compliance corporation**

**Apt/Suite/Other:** [REDACTED]

**City:** [REDACTED] **State:** MI **Zip Code:** 48170

**Registered Office Mailing address:**

**P.O. Box or Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt/Suite/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Nonprofits obscure donors, ballot committees

Domestic LLC's and 501(c)(4) organizations

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**Business Entity**

Name: [REDACTED]

Order certified copies	Name of filing	Year filed	Date filed	Filing No.	View PDF
<input type="checkbox"/>	CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME		05/05/2023	[REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION		03/30/2023	[REDACTED]	

What we know from these:

- 1.) Name and other “doing business as” names
- 2.) Registered agent (can be a firm)
- 3.) Name of person who incorporated the organization

What we don't know:

- 1.) Any financial information
- 2.) Board members (Not yet)
- 3.) Name of person who incorporated the organization



# Nonprofits obscure donors, ballot committees

After the year has ended the organization has to file an IRS 990 form

What do we learn?

2.) Companies they paid (only if they were paid \$100,000+ in the last year) and other nonprofits they made grants to

Section B. Independent Contractors		
1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
[REDACTED]	Fundraising/Consulting	151,568.
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 1		

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What do we learn?

## 3.) Unitemized statements of revenue

Form 990 (2020) [REDACTED] Page 9

**Part VIII** Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns .....	1 a				
	b Membership dues .....	1 b				
	c Fundraising events .....	1 c				
	d Related organizations .....	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions) .....	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above. ....	1 f	753,482.			
	g Noneash contributions included in lines 1a-1f .....	1 g				
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f. ....</b>		<b>753,482.</b>			
		Business Code				
2 a						

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What do we learn?

## 4.) Unitemized statements of expenses

Form 990 (2020) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Page 10

**Part IX Statement of functional expenses**  
 Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).  
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX:

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	120,726.	120,726.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(E).	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.				
10 Payroll taxes.				
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	10,793.		10,793.	
c Accounting.				
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	151,568.			151,568.
f Investment management fees.				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.	28,121.		28,121.	
14 Information technology.	168.		168.	
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	8,700.		8,700.	
17 Travel.	288,815.	286,541.		2,274.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	142,266.	140,674.		1,592.
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	20,083.	13,189.		6,894.
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
23 Insurance.				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Food & Dining.	23,256.	23,256.		
b Miscellaneous.	7,991.		7,991.	
c Flowers.	95.	95.		
d Bank Service Charges and Fees.	67.		67.	
e All other expenses.				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	802,649.	584,481.	55,840.	162,328.

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What do we learn?

5.) Donor information (only if they choose to)

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2020) 4 7 Page 2

Employer identification number [REDACTED]

**Part I** Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	N/A	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>



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Ballot question committees and other independent expenditure committees

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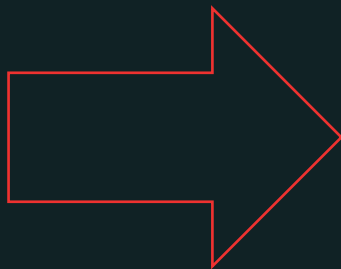
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**ARTICLE IV**



Give unlimited funds  
(Way before a 990 must be filed)

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

**BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE COVER PAGE**

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Report must be legible, typed or printed in ink and signed by the treasurer or designated record keeper.

3 This Statement covers From: 05/17/23 To: 07/25/23

1 Committee I D Number: [REDACTED]

4 Committee's Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

2 Committee Name: [REDACTED]

Area Code and Phone: [REDACTED]

5 Treasurer's Name and Residential Address: [REDACTED]

6 Treasurer's Business Address: [REDACTED]

7 Designated Record Keeper's Name and Mailing Address (if the committee has a Designated Record Keeper): [REDACTED]

Area Code and Phone: [REDACTED]

8. TYPE OF STATEMENT

8a.  PRE-ELECTION OR  POST-ELECTION

8b.  FEBRUARY STATEMENT  APRIL STATEMENT  JULY STATEMENT  OCTOBER STATEMENT

8c.  ANNUAL STATEMENT (Coverage Year: [REDACTED])

8d.  DISSOLUTION OF COMMITTEE REQUEST

8e.  AMENDMENT TO CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

9 Verification: I certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of this statement and attached schedules (if any) and to the best of my knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and complete.

Current Treasurer or Designated Record Keeper: [REDACTED]

Type or Print Name: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]



# Nonprofits obscure donors, ballot committees

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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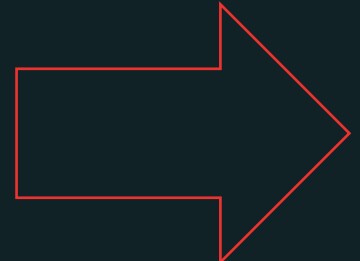
**ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHEDULE 4A  
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE**

1 Committee ID No. [REDACTED]  
2 Committee Name [REDACTED]

Please enter contributor name and address. If contribution is from an individual, enter last name, first name, middle initial.

3 Contribution #	1 Name & Address	2 Date of Receipt	4 Amount	5 Cumulative for Election Cycle for Each Contribution (Through date of receipt)
1	[REDACTED] <b>501(c)(4)</b>	07-06-23	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser				
2			\$ _____	\$ _____
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
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Business Address _____				
Type of Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser				
3			\$ _____	\$ _____
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Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser				
4			\$ _____	\$ _____
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Loan from a person <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser				
Total Aggregate			\$100,000.00	
Grand Total of all contributions (if complete on last page of Schedule)			\$100,000.00	

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Spends it on election related activity

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

**ITEMIZED DIRECT EXPENDITURES  
SCHEDULE 4B  
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE**

1 Committee ID No. [REDACTED]  
2 Committee Name [REDACTED]

3 Name and address of person to whom paid	4 Purpose of expenditure	5 Date	6 Amount	7 Cumulative for election
[REDACTED]	Education & Field Services	07/07/23	\$ 20,058.00	\$ 20,058.00
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Stipend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel				
[REDACTED]	Legal Services	07/14/23	\$ 3,833.00	\$ 3,833.00
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Stipend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel				
[REDACTED]	Strategic Consulting	07/19/23	\$ 8,387.00	\$ 8,387.00
5. If over \$100.00 cumulative, please provide: <a href="#">Click Here for Memo Itemization</a>				
Occupation _____ Employee _____				
Business Address _____				
Type of Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Stipend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel				
Total Aggregate			\$32,278.00	
Grand Total of Schedule 4B (Complete on last page of Schedule 4B)			\$32,278.00	

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# What have other states done?

## Arizona '22 Proposition 211 <sup>1</sup>

- Requires the disclosure of any contributor who pays \$5,000 or more in an election cycle for any “independent campaign spending.”
  - “Independent campaign spending” includes express **and non-express** advocacy, as well as research, polling, mailing, and social media list acquisition by independent committees.
  - Under this law, independent committees must track the original sources of all contributors over \$5,000 and must ask these donors if they want their money spent on independent campaign spending (**even if the funds are transferred from another entity**) If not, they cannot use their money for this purpose.
    - **This stops the anonymization of donors to independent expenditure committees, the main contributor of dark money.**

<sup>1</sup> AN INITIATIVE MEASURE: AMENDING TITLE 16, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES BY ADDING CHAPTER 6;; RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF THE ORIGINAL FUNDS USED FOR INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN SPENDING

# What have other states done?

## Arizona '22 Proposition 211

- A Citizens Clean Elections Commission was established to enforce the law, including the additional requirement that any independent campaign public communication must display the names of the top 3 donors in the advertisement or make it available.
- The Commission can investigate complaints and issue fines for 100%-300% of the undisclosed or improperly disclosed contributions.

# What have other states done?

## Alaska '20 Ballot Measure 2<sup>2</sup>

Similar to Arizona's Prop 211, requires any individual, entity, or person that donates \$2,000 in aggregate in a calendar year to an entity that has made an independent expenditure in the previous or current election cycle must fill out a disclosure form and submit it to the Alaska Public Offices Commission within twenty-four hours.

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FORM 15-6				
COMPLETED				
Submission Date: 02/06/2024				
FILER INFORMATION				
Filer First Name: Mark Filer Middle Name: Filer Last Name: Littlefield				
REPORT INFORMATION				
Report Year: 2024 Election Year: 2024 Report Type: Ten Day Filer Type: Individual				
INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION				
First Name: Mark Middle Name: Last Name: Littlefield Address: 18854 Mills Bay Drive City: Eagle River State: Alaska 99577 Country: United States Occupation: Retired Employer: Retired				
ELECTION INFORMATION				
Election: Anchorage Municipal Election				
EXPENDITURES				
Date	Recipient	Payment Type	Candidate / Proposition	Amount
01/22/2024	The Ritacco Group LLC 2521 E. Mountain Village Drive, Suite B #543 Wasilla, Alaska 99654	Check Check Number: 0001	SUPPORT: 2024 - Mark H. Littlefield Election: Anchorage Municipal Election Website Design and Launch; Facebook Design and launch	\$1,500.00

## What have other states done?

### Maine '23 Question 2<sup>3</sup> and '24 Maine Limit Contributions to Super PACs Initiative<sup>4</sup>

- In '23, voters approved an initiative that barred foreign governments and entities with 5% foreign government ownership to influence the nomination of a candidate (already illegal) or in support or opposition to a ballot measure.
- In '24 voters will decide whether to create a contribution limit of \$5,000 to independent expenditure committees.

<sup>3</sup> QUESTION 2: An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution

<sup>4</sup> Maine Limit Contributions to Super PACs Initiative (2024)

# STAY IN CONTACT



- Contact
  - Address:
    - 602 W Ionia St., STE 108
    - Lansing, MI 48933
  - Email
    - [nick@mcfn.org](mailto:nick@mcfn.org)
    - [tips@mcfn.org](mailto:tips@mcfn.org)
  - Phone
    - (517) 482-7198
  
- Sign up for our mailing list: [https://mcfn.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=7cb53c49625c1bb0cd4bd61ca&id=0953a1a782&f\\_id=005e52e0f0](https://mcfn.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=7cb53c49625c1bb0cd4bd61ca&id=0953a1a782&f_id=005e52e0f0)