State of West Virginia
INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE FORM
In Relation to 2026 Election Year

*Required in addition to regular campaign finance reports under W. Va. Code §3-8-2

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Person Making Expenditure: Conservation West Virginia, Inc.

Person(s) Sharing or Exercising Direction or Control: Neal Barkus

"Persons sharing or exercising direction or control" means officers, directors, executive directors or their equivalent, partners, and in the case of unincorporated organizations, owners, of the entity or person making the disbursement for the electioneering communication.

Name: Neal Barkus **Email:** nealbarkus@gmail.com **Phone:** 304-997-0228

Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

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Custodian of the Books: Bill Howard

Principal Place of Business and Address: (only required if not an individual) 1328 River Rd., Shepherdstown, WV 25443

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☑ **Quarterly Independent Expenditure Report:** $1,000 or more single time independent expenditure or aggregate of all independent expenditures made within a calendar year to report all previously unreported independent expenditures to be filed with the proper jurisdiction at the beginning of each quarter for all entities that are not registered as political committees.

☐ **Last Minute Independent Expenditure Report:** $5,000 or more independent expenditure for any statewide, legislative, or multi-county judicial candidate or $500 or more independent expenditure for any county, municipal office or a single-county judicial candidate within 15 days and before 12 hours of an election to be filed with the proper jurisdiction within 24 hours.

☐ **Anytime Independent Expenditure Report:** $10,000 or more independent expenditure made anytime up to, and including the 15th day preceding an election, to be filed with the Secretary of State within 48 hours.

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Marta Beck **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Cody Cumpston **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Daniel Miller **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Sarah Reggi **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Jenny Thacker **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Marley Umensetter **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Lucia Valentine Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 Date of Expenditure: 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Mike Wendell Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Barnes Agency

Amount of Expenditure: $281.25 Date of Expenditure: 10/28/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Christopher Jones Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $122.50 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Marta Beck Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.21 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Cody Cumpston Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.21 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Daniel Miller Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.21 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Sarah Reggi Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.22 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Jenny Thacker Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $349.93 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Marley Umensetter Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.22 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Lucia Valentine Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $349.93 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Mike Wendell Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: The Downstream Project

Amount of Expenditure: $236.22 Date of Expenditure: 10/31/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Marta Beck Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $734.19 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Cody Cumpston Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $733.45 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Daniel Miller Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $732.99 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Sarah Reggi Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $733.36 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Jenny Thacker Election Year: 2026

☐ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $1468.58 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Marley Umensetter Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $733.13 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Lucia Valentine Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: 1469.30 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Mike Wendell Election Year: 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: Meta Platforms, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $733.49 Date of Expenditure: 10/16/26 - 11/3/26

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) _____ Election Year: _____

☐ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: _____

Amount of Expenditure: _____ Date of Expenditure: _____

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) _____ Election Year: _____

☐ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: _____

Amount of Expenditure: _____ Date of Expenditure: _____

Election Cycle: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Contributors exceeding $1,000 from the previous calendar year to date whose contributions were made for the purpose of furthering the expenditure

*Required by W. Va. Code §3-8-2

Name of Contributor: _____ Date Contributor Exceeded $1,000: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Occupation and Employer of Contributor: (if applicable) _____

PAC Name and Address: (if applicable) _____

Name of Contributor: _____ Date Contributor Exceeded $1,000: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Occupation and Employer of Contributor: (if applicable) _____

PAC Name and Address: (if applicable) _____

Name of Contributor: _____ Date Contributor Exceeded $1,000: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Occupation and Employer of Contributor: (if applicable) _____

PAC Name and Address: (if applicable) _____

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, A. Neal Barkus, swear or affirm that the attached statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, for all financial transactions occurring within the period covered by this statement. I also swear or affirm that all expenditures listed were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert, with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate.

Signature: _____ Date: 11/7/26

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