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

Person Making Expenditure: SUGAR MAPLE PAC

Person(s) Sharing or Exercising Direction or Control:

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Custodian of the Books: CHARLES GANTT

Principal Place of Business and Address: **(only required if not an individual)** C/O BULLDOG COMPLIANCE, 100 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 306-P, BEVERLY, MA 01915

Type of Filing: (please choose one)

☐ **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.

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Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) GARY G. HOWELL **Election Year:** 2026

☐ **In Support of Candidate** ☑ **In Opposition of Candidate**

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $2,180.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ **Primary** ☐ **General** ☐ **Special**

Refers to: (candidate name) LAURA CHAPMAN **Election Year:** 2026

☑ **In Support of Candidate** ☐ **In Opposition of Candidate**

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $11,084.63 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ **Primary** ☐ **General** ☐ **Special**

Refers to: (candidate name) JOSEPH EDDY **Election Year:** 2026

☐ **In Support of Candidate** ☑ **In Opposition of Candidate**

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $11,084.62 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

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Refers to: (candidate name) VERNON CRISS **Election Year:** 2026

☐ In Support of Candidate ☑ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $1,395.00 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) MELISSA MCCRADY **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $1,813.50 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) SCOT HECKERT **Election Year:** 2026

☐ In Support of Candidate ☑ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $1,813.50 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

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Refers to: (candidate name) CHARLES "DUTCH" STAGGS **Election Year:** 2026

☑ **In Support of Candidate** ☐ **In Opposition of Candidate**

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $2,180.25 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

Election Cycle: ☑ **Primary** ☐ **General** ☐ **Special**

Refers to: (candidate name) CHARLES HARTZOG **Election Year:** 2026

☑ **In Support of Candidate** ☐ **In Opposition of Candidate**

Paid to: ACQUIRE DIGITAL, LLC

Amount of Expenditure: $1,395.00 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/10/2026

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

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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, CHARLES GANTT, 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:** 4/12/2026

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