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Chairman Johnny Isakson  
Vice Chairman Barbara Boxer  
Senate Select Committee on Ethics  
220 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Fax: (202) 224-7416

August 31, 2015

Dear Chairman Isakson and Vice Chairman Boxer,

I am writing to you to ask for an investigation into what I contend were unethical and potentially illegal actions taken by Senator James Inhofe in regards to a political fundraiser he held on federally owned land, using federally funded government employees as workers for the fundraiser.

The following issues comprise our complaint against Senator Inhofe.

**I. Use of Federally owned land to hold a political fundraiser**

On September 5, 2014, Senator Inhofe held a political fundraiser (see Exhibit A) on the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District, which is a project of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The general manager of the property is Tom Buchanan, who was present at the fundraiser for Senator Inhofe, and the property is located in Kiowa County, Oklahoma (Exhibit B). The fundraiser consisted of an "Old World Pigeon Shoot" and clay target shoot on the property and the only people allowed to participate in the activities were those who donated to Senator Inhofe's political campaign (armed security from the Kiowa County Sheriff's Department guarded the gate).

- **Senator Inhofe should not have used federally owned property to hold a private political fundraiser.**

## **II. Use of federally funded government employees as workers for a political fundraiser**

Part of the fundraiser was a sporting clay shoot that was staffed by employees of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC). These employees were at the fundraiser and worked as instructors for the "Shotgun Training and Education Program" (STEP).

According to a document we received through a records request with the ODWC, titled "PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES," the STEP program is federally funded (Please see Exhibit C for emails confirming that STEP employees have worked at Senator Inhofe's fundraiser for a number of years):

### **Federal Aid Project Numbers**

The STEP program is part of the hunter education federal aid project. Please charge all time, mileage and travel against F12AF00622-001-01.

**You will see in one of the emails from Exhibit C that an ODWC employee complained that at previous Inhofe fundraisers, shooters were walking around with alcohol and that gun shot was raining down on their personnel, creating a situation that was "unsafe."**

Senator Inhofe's fundraiser was not a public event, and the only people who were able to attend, and therefore would be helped by the STEP instructors, were those who made a federal campaign donation to Senator Inhofe. Additionally, Mr. Buchanan, as general manager of the property, not only allowed the federally owned land to be used by Senator Inhofe, but he too worked at the fundraiser as one of the people who hand threw pigeons into the air so they could be shot by donors to Senator Inhofe's political campaign.

**• Senator Inhofe should not have used federally funded government employees to serve as workers at his political fundraiser.**

### III. Soliciting Government employees for campaign donations

As part of our public records request to the ODWC, we discovered that Senator Inhofe's campaign had sent invitations to his political fundraiser to the Director of the ODWC, Richard Hatcher, using Mr. Hatcher's official government email address.

In the original email we received regarding this, the Inhofe campaign contact had BCC'd the recipients. When we asked for the address to whom it was sent, we were told it had been sent to Mr. Hatcher's address. The following is the communication we had with ODWC on this matter, which includes the political fundraiser invitation.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Hatcher, Richard** <[richard.hatcher@odwc.ok.gov](mailto:richard.hatcher@odwc.ok.gov)>

Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 10:03 AM

Subject: Fwd: You are invited to Senator Inhofe's 11th Annual Dove Hunt

To: Vicky Scaggs <[vicky.scaggs@odwc.ok.gov](mailto:vicky.scaggs@odwc.ok.gov)>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ryan Jackson** <[ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com](mailto:ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com)>

Date: Sat, Jun 13, 2015 at 3:46 PM

Subject: You are invited to Senator Inhofe's 11th Annual Dove Hunt

To: Ryan Jackson <[ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com](mailto:ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com)>

Attached is your Save the Date for Senator Inhofe's 11th Annual Dove Hunt at the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma Friday September 11 through Saturday morning September 12.

We are looking forward to you joining us.

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Ryan Jackson  
Friends of Jim Inhofe  
P.O. Box 13300  
Oklahoma City, OK 73113  
[\(202\) 701-7013](tel:2027017013)

# SAVE THE DATE

## SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2015

FOR

# U.S. SENATOR JIM INHOFE'S



## 11TH ANNUAL DOVE HUNT

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

**RSVP:** Ryan Jackson at 202-701-7013 | [ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com](mailto:ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com)  
Amy Bradley at 703-836-5351 | [amyfordbradley@comcast.net](mailto:amyfordbradley@comcast.net)

Lodge reservation deadline for guests and hunters is August 28 , 2015

Paid for by Friends of Jim Inhofe

This was not the first time the Inhofe campaign had solicited donations from Oklahoma state government employees. On 8/7/14, the Inhofe campaign sent the invitation to last year's fundraiser to the ODWC. Please see Exhibit D for the entire invitation, which includes the form to send money to the Inhofe campaign. The following is the email that was sent along with the invitation:



Microsoft Word - 2014DoveHunt\_Invite.pdf

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## You are invited to Senator Inhofe's 10th Annual Dove Hunt

1/1/2014

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**Ryan Jackson** <ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com>  
To: Ryan Jackson <ryanjackson@jiminhofe.com>

Thu, Aug 7, 2014 at 2:24 PM

I wanted to ensure that you received your invitation to Senator Inhofe's 10th Annual Dove Hunt, Sept 5-6. Attached is the information and agenda. I hope you're able to join us.

Thanks as always,

Ryan.

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Ryan Jackson

Friends of Jim Inhofe


P.O. Box 13300

Oklahoma City, OK 73113

(202) 701-7013 direct

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### 2 attachments

 2014DoveHunt\_ReplyCrd.pdf  
2029K

 2014DoveHunt\_Invite.pdf  
1675K

## IV. Tax Avoidance

According to campaign finance reports filed by Senator Inhofe (Exhibit E), his campaign paid Michael Daugherty of Anadarko OK \$7,000 in 2014 for the pigeons that were used for the fundraiser, as well as an additional \$3,000 for pigeons used at a similar fundraiser held in 2013.

According to Oklahoma state law (Exhibit F) Senator Inhofe was required to have paid sales tax on the birds that were purchased, however, the exact dollar amount paid to Mr. Daugherty suggests that no tax was paid at all.

Pigeon shoots are notorious for their black market commerce where no taxes are paid. In other words, this appears to have been a very much cash under the table operation where political donations were used to purchase birds and avoid proper taxes. **If so, then both Mr. Daugherty and Senator Inhofe have engaged in a conspiracy to defraud the State of Oklahoma by deliberately not paying sales tax (and in Mr. Daugherty's case, potentially income tax derived from the sale of the birds).**

It should also be noted that Mr. Daugherty has a history of illegal dealings involving birds. In 2006, he was caught participating in an illegal cockfight (<http://newsok.com/former-deputy-named-in-cockfighting-case/article/2825582>). In this legal brief, it states what he plead guilty to:

<https://turtletalk.files.wordpress.com/2008/01/us-brief-gachot.pdf>

*"Co-defendant Daugherty entered a guilty plea to Count Three of the Indictment charging the misdemeanor offense of Sponsoring or Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture, in violation of 7 U.S.C. §2156. (Doc. 85-86)"*

**Based on Mr. Daugherty's very public participation in illegal cockfighting, it is probable that Senator Inhofe knew he was dealing with someone with a criminal background and did so to avoid having to pay proper taxes on the birds he was purchasing.**

## **V. Violation of anti-cruelty laws**

We contend that the acts of cruelty committed at the pigeon shoot clearly violated Oklahoma State law §1685, §1686 and §1691.

Pigeons have existed in North America since the 1600's, 300 years before Oklahoma became a state. That means they were native to Oklahoma at the time of its creation in 1907. Pigeons do not fall under the state Game Code nor are they excluded from the anti-cruelty statutes. That means they are a protected species.

§ 1685. Cruelty to animals

*Any person who shall willfully or maliciously torture, destroy or kill, or cruelly beat or injure, maim or mutilate any animal in subjugation or captivity, whether wild or tame, and whether belonging to the person or to another, or deprive any such animal of necessary food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care to prevent suffering; or who shall cause, procure or permit any such animal to be so tortured, destroyed or killed, or cruelly beaten or injured, maimed or mutilated, or deprived of necessary food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care to prevent suffering; or who shall willfully set on foot, instigate, engage in, or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not exceeding five (5) years, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Any animal so maltreated or abused shall be considered an abused or neglected animal.*

- **Our evidence shows that pigeons were willfully kicked, mutilated, shot, wounded, destroyed and tortured.**

*§ 1686. Abandoned animals--Destroyed how*

*D. For the purpose of the provisions of this section and Section 1691 of this title, the term "abandon" means the voluntary relinquishment of an animal and shall include but shall not be limited to vacating a premises and leaving the animal in or at the premises, or failing to feed the animal or allowing it to stray or wander onto private or public property with the intention of surrendering ownership or custody over the animal.*

- **Numerous pigeons were abandoned at the shoot. Some birds were wounded, yet could fly away, while those who were not wounded dispersed to other areas outside the shooting field. As many of these birds appeared tame, they would most likely not have had any ability to survive on their own.**

*§ 1691. Abandoning of domestic animals along streets or highways or in any public place prohibited*

*Any person who deposits any live dog, cat, or other domestic animal along any private or public roadway, or in any other private or public place with the intention of abandoning the domestic animal upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.*

## Program Safety Procedures

**The safe handling of shotguns and ammunition is of utmost importance during programs. It's very important to discuss the rules of safety before any shooting starts. Explain what's expected of them as participants/students and then demonstrate and lead by example, remember, you are responsible for the overall safety of the program!**

**Safety begins and ends with the instructor and with each and every student.**

- 1. All guns should be in the gun rack with their safeties on and actions open!**
- 2. No handling of guns except when shooting!**
- 3. Always keep complete control of guns and ammunition!**
- 4. Only the instructor has access to ammunition!**
- 5. Load only one shell at a time!**
- 6. Keep students a safe distance behind the shooting station!**
- 7. Always use the PVC shooting station frame!**
- 8. Everyone is required to wear ear and eye protection while shooting!**
- 9. Keep students away from target throwing machines!**
- 10. One shooter per instructor/machine!**

- Our documentation shows that some of the pigeons had bands on their legs, meaning they were owned and domesticated. Whether wild or domesticated, the abandonment of these birds is illegal under the law.**

**You can view the video of the pigeon shoot, and the cruelty committed, here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDbN36abT0k>**

In conclusion, Senator Inhofe misused government property and employees all to benefit himself and his election campaign. He did not pay proper taxes on birds used for his event, which in itself was extremely brutal and violated state anti-cruelty law.



We ask that the Senate Select Committee on Ethics fully investigate all of these claims and hold Senator Inhofe accountable for his wrong doings.

Sincerely,

Steve Hindi  
President, SHowing Animals Respect and Kindness

**Exhibits**

**Exhibit A: Senator Inhofe's fundraiser flyer and schedule of events**



**10th Anniversary Inhofe Dove Hunt • Sept. 5 & 6**

**Gold Level Host** \$1,250 per person (\$2,500 per PAC)\*  
 Special reception as Gold Level Sponsor.  
 Friday host reception and dinner. Host location for Saturday morning hunt and lunch.  
 Includes commemorative 10th Anniversary Dove Hunt Pocket Knife.

**Silver Level** \$500 per person (\$1,000 per PAC)\*  
 Special reception as Silver Level Sponsor.  
 Friday host reception and dinner. Host location for Saturday morning hunt and lunch.  
 Includes commemorative 10th Anniversary Dove Hunt Pocket Knife.

**Non-Hunting Reception & Dinner Tickets** \$250 per person  
 Friday host reception and dinner.

**\*Lodging not included**

RSVP, please contact Amanda Hall 405-418-7545 or amandahall@jimhofe.com, or Amy Bradley 703-438-5301 or amyforbradley@constate.net.  
 Fee completed form to 866-324-8698.

Lodge reservation deadline for guests and numbers is August 31, 2014 - Please Contact Amanda Hall

**Gold Level Host - \$1,250 Individual - \$2,500 PAC**

Please receive \_\_\_\_\_ as Gold Level Sponsor

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Silver Level - \$500 Individual - \$1,000 PAC**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Hunting Reception & Dinner Participant - \$250 per person**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\*No. of covered attend. best wish to support Senator Inhofe and his campaign.

Enclosed is my contribution for \$1,250 \$500 \$250 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Inhofe Victory Committee 2014  
 Mail to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014, 901 N. Washington St., Suite 700, Alexandria, VA 22314

Paid for by Inhofe Victory Committee 2014, a part fundraising committee authorized by and formed to benefit Friends of Jim Inhofe and the Fund For A Conservative Future.

**Joint Fundraising Notice and Contribution Guidelines**

The Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 is a joint fundraising committee formed to benefit Friends of Jim Inhofe and the Fund For A Conservative Future.

Contributors to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 will be allocated as follows:

- For contributions from an individual or non-qualified PAC, the first \$5,000 received will be allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe, with \$2,500 applied to the Primary 2014 election and \$2,500 applied to the General 2014 election. After June 24, 2014, Friends of Jim Inhofe will only be eligible to receive the first \$2,500 from an individual or non-qualified PAC applied to the General 2014.
- For contributions from an individual or non-qualified PAC, the next \$1,000 received will then be allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future.
- For contributions from a multi-member PAC, the first \$10,000 received will be allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe, with \$5,000 applied to the Primary 2014 election and \$5,000 applied to the General 2014 election. After June 24, 2014, Friends of Jim Inhofe will only be eligible to receive the first \$5,000 from a multi-member PAC.
- For contributions from a multi-member PAC, the next \$1,000 received will then be allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future.
- Any contribution to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 by any donor which upon allocation is determined to exceed the contribution limit of that donor to one of the Participants shall be reallocated to the other Participant to the maximum contribution limit allocated from the donor to the Participants.
- Any contribution or garden threat to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 which is determined to exceed the contribution limit of that donor to such Participant, as provided by 2 U.S.C. § 441a, shall be returned to the donor.

Notwithstanding the allocation formula specified above, contributors may be designated by the contributor for a specific Participant as specified below.

\_\_\_\_\_ wish to allocate our gift or my individual contribution as follows (check election): (designator)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (self) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse) Friends of Jim Inhofe Primary 2014 or General 2014  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (self) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse) Fund For A Conservative Future in Annual 2014

\* After June 24, 2014, a donor may only contribute to Friends of Jim Inhofe's 2014 General election.

Signature of Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Spouse if joint: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Co-ordinator \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home/office \_\_\_\_\_ Business/home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 By credit card: VISA MasterCard American Express Discover \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The maximum an individual or non-qualified PAC may contribute to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 is \$10,000 and \$2,500 allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe for the Primary and General 2014 elections and \$2,500 allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future. Checks may contribute \$20,407 from a non-qualified PAC donor to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014. Quarterly multi-contributor PACs may contribute \$15,000 to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014, with \$10,000 allocated to the Friends of Jim Inhofe for the Primary and General 2014 elections and \$5,000 allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future. Contributors are not allowed to contribute to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 or either of the Participants. Company contributions may not be accepted by credit. Money for the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of contributors should appear on contributions received 1200 or a calendar year or election cycle.

# 10th Anniversary Inhofe Dove Hunt

Friday, September 5th and  
Saturday, September 6th, 2014

Quartz Mountain Lodge & Resort  
Lone Wolf, Oklahoma

## Agenda

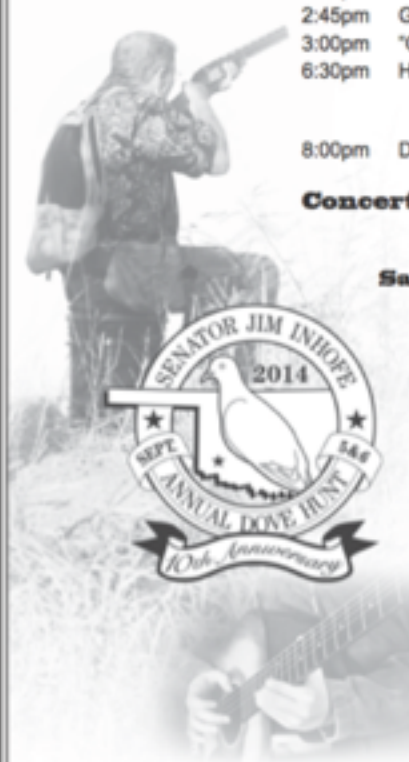
### Friday, September 5th

- 12:00pm Registration and Lodge Check In
- 2:00pm Gather at Outdoor Amphitheater for Photos
- 2:45pm Group Photo Shoot
- 3:00pm "Old World" Pigeon Shoot on shooting ground with Five Stand
- 6:30pm Host Reception with Senator Inhofe &  
Special Guests - To Be Announced  
Including the famous "Wild Game Hors D'Oeuvres"
- 8:00pm Dinner with Senator Inhofe & Special Guests

### Concert by Musical Guest Stoney LaRue

### Saturday, September 6th

- 5:00am Breakfast at Lodge Restaurant
- 6:15am Depart Quartz Mountain Lodge for morning hunt
- 10:30am Lunch at Altus Cotton Gin



### RSVP:

Amanda Hall at 405-418-7545  
amandahall@jiminhofe.com  
or  
Amy Bradley at 703-836-5351  
amyfordbradley@comcast.net.

Lodge reservation deadline  
for guests and hunters  
is August 31, 2014

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**Exhibit B: Location of Bureau of Reclamation property**

Location  
Kiowa County, OK  
34°52'29.9"N 99°18'21.6"W



**Exhibit C "PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES" document supplied by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC)!**

**PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES**

**Types of Programs**

Types of programs offered include:

1. Wing Shooting Workshop - Provides instruction in wing shooting fundamentals. Stance, mount, sight picture, swing-through method and target assessment are all covered. Additionally, participants are exposed to nontoxic shot (steel) usage. Safe gun handling as well as hands on shooting are taught during this event. This is the most common workshop conducted. Participants vary greatly in experience and number, instructors must make the instruction fit the group present.
2. Nontoxic Shot Seminar - A technical look at nontoxic shot technology based on scientific information provided through CONCEPT. Shotshell lethality testing provides a complete overview for increased success in harvesting waterfowl, turkeys and upland birds, at the same time, helping to reduce wounding losses. This seminar is an important source of information designed to answer questions about nontoxic shot lethality and proper selection of equipment including gun/choke/load selection.
3. Hunter Skills Workshop - Designed for experienced and novice hunters wanting to improve their hunting skills. Special emphasis is focused on three important elements required to be a successful wing shooter including:
  - A. Distance estimation exercise - A short segment highlighting the importance of estimating distances within reasonable accuracy. This is accomplished in an outdoor setting using full bodied decoys positioned at different distances and angles which challenges the wing shooter's ability to determine if the target is within lethal range. A laser range finder is then used to provide distances of each target.
  - B. Pattern testing - Shotgun pattern testing with different loads and chokes. The CONCEPT Lethality Chart serves as a guide to verify proper shotgun performance and pattern density necessary to successfully harvest game.
  - C. Wing shooting exercise - Learning and practicing basic wing shooting skills is required to successfully harvest game with the least amount of wounding loss to the resource. A self test is conducted to establish the participants skill level by shooting at a 20-yard left to right crossing target. For the shooters successfully breaking six out of eight targets at this distance, the shooter will move back to the 30-yard marker and attempt to break six out eight. If the shooter is successful at this distance, they are allowed to progress backward in 10-yard increments until their skill level

has been established. Then basic wing shooting instruction begins with the purpose of assisting shooters to reach a higher skill level.

## Scheduling Procedures

Remember, the STEP program coordinator manages the calendar for all programs. You must check with him for availability of equipment and supplies before committing to a group or program.

It is imperative that you give him as much lead time as you can (two to six months is best) when trying to schedule programs. Sometimes programs can be put together on shorter notice, but occasionally there are scheduling or logistic conflicts that prevent it.

Remember, this is a statewide program and as such equipment and supply logistics may require instructors to pick up and deliver equipment and supplies from other locations throughout the state.

1. Instructor requested programs:
  - A. Call the STEP coordinator to check equipment/trailer availability and schedule equipment and supplies.
  - B. Coordinate and plan trailer logistics of where and when you will pick up the trailer and where and when will you return/take it after the program.
  - C. Instructor needs to make sure the program site is suitable.
2. Group requested program through channels or STEP coordinator:
  - A. STEP program coordinator will contact instructors in the area and have them contact and coordinate with the group on possible program date and location.
  - B. Instructor then contacts the STEP program coordinator to check dates for equipment/trailer availability and schedule equipment and supplies.
  - C. Coordinate and plan trailer logistics of where and when will you pick up the trailer and where and when will you return/take it after the program.

## Reporting Programs

Have a sign-in sheet available. You should make sure to record the total number of participants and a breakdown by adult men, adult women, youth men (<18) and youth women (<18). In addition, include the date conducted, location, group's name and instructors present. Remember to pass these program numbers on to the STEP

coordinator after the event.

### **Who can Request a Program?**

This is an often asked question. Almost any group of people who want to learn basic shotgun wing shooting or hunting skills are welcome to request a program. Some examples include: women groups, school groups, youth groups, church groups, sportsman clubs, hunting dog clubs, conservation organizations, etc.

### **Sharing the Cost**

Organizations that benefit from STEP program events are encouraged to assist with supplies and materials (ammo and targets) for events when possible. Many conservation organizations get shooting supplies and materials (ammunition, targets, etc.) donated to them and can assist to defray STEP program cost.

### **Participant Age Limitations**

There is no minimum age for participation. The shooters age doesn't always apply. A good rule of thumb is a shooter must be able to physically handle a shotgun safely. Generally, youth participants under eight years old will not have the strength to control a shotgun safely. If a person has a bad experience shooting a shotgun for the first time, they will probably be lost forever as shooters.

### **Minimum Number of Participants**

Groups requesting programs are encouraged to have a minimum of 10 participants to schedule a program. Ideally, 20-25 participants are the best compromise between adequate instructing time and waiting time of participants. Some large-scale programs may have 100s of participants. These programs are used as recruitment, exposure and promotional programs.

### **Federal Aid Project Numbers**

The STEP program is part of the hunter education federal aid project. Please charge all time, mileage and travel against F12AF00622-001-01.

Email from Damon Springer, ODWC, stating the STEP event is for Senator Inhofe, and that they have done the event for "...years now."

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION Mail... <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=9f92482041&view=pt&se...>



Springer, Damon <damon.springer@odwc.ok.gov>

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## STEP Events

3 messages

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Springer, Damon <damon.springer@odwc.ok.gov>

Mon, Aug 4, 2014 at 1:46 PM

To: Jeff Headrick <jeff.headrick@odwc.ok.gov>

Cc: Thor Carlson <thor.carlson@odwc.ok.gov>

Hey Jeff,

You may have heard about these events already, but I have the two in September we have done for years now.

Senator Inhofe Dove Hunt- September 5th from 3-5pm at Quartz Mtn Lodge.

NBC Bank Event- September 18th from 3-5pm at Hess, OK.

Do you think a couple of your guys would mind helping out with the Inhofe STEP event? I am trying to get with the OSU folks to see if they will help as well, but haven't yet. Might even enlist the FFA guys to assist too.

Do you think your guys could handle the NBC bank event this year without me? Greg has offered in the past and since it is not the day before the Inhofe event, it makes it a little harder for me to justify driving that far for that type of event. If not, I can come down.

Let me know one way or the other.

Thanks Jeff.

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Damon Springer  
Senior I & E Specialist  
Shotgun Training Education Program  
Cell [405-317-6316](tel:405-317-6316)  
Fax [405-396-2294](tel:405-396-2294)



In the following email dated 8/30/12, Damon Springer of the ODWC discusses some of their programs where "higher ranking folks are in attendance." He specifically writes about the Inhofe fundraiser and how in the past participants were walking around with alcohol and were "unsafe."

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Springer, Damon  
> Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 4:31 PM  
> To: Rodefeld, Nels  
> Cc: Berg, Colin  
> Subject: STEP Program Issues  
>  
> There has come to my attention that we are having some concerns about  
> a few of our programs where higher ranking folks are in attendance.  
> The first is the Senator Inhofe Dove shoot in Altus September 7th.  
> From what I have been told there are three things going on at the same  
> time. One european-style live pigeon shoot, OSU shooting sports and  
> STEP. There were several folks walking around with alcohol and then  
> shooting at each event. Most had their own shotguns and where very  
> unsafe. Our guys were "rained-on" by the pigeon shoot folks at times as well.  
>  
> I would like to be able to speak with John Collison about safety  
> issues there and help alleviate some of the issues above. I would also  
> like to be able to post a sign that let folks know that no one was  
> allowed to shoot STEP that has been drinking alcohol. I know this will  
> be on an honor system unless we see them carrying the alcohol, but all  
> it takes is one accident to ruin the event and our program.  
>  
> There are a few other events that we run into similar issues. Mo Betta  
> is a really dangerous one due to the fact that all the folks have  
> their own guns and several have their ammo too. We don't know who has  
> what at this one. We also have issues with too many folks close to the  
> line and not enough help to manage the group that is not shooting.  
>  
> There were suggestions of getting flags to put in actions of guns to  
> indicate they were not loaded and actions were open, also create a  
> funnel safety zone to where only a small opening was left as an  
> entrance, also need to make sure we have more gun racks and make  
> announcements that guns should be placed in gun racks or in gun cases  
> while not in use. They(Mo Betta) are supposed to supply the ammo for  
> the shoot, but I was told they did not this last year. Do not know if  
> alcohol was involved here or not. We have some time to discuss this  
> with event organizers to alleviate these issues.  
>  
> The other examples were the Grand National Quail Hunt and Lt. Gov hunts.  
> Again, we don't have control of ammo and guns like we normally have at

- > STEP events and folks with little to no experience with guns. There is
- > also alcohol present at these too. Don't like to hear this, but was
- > told some were visably drunk and shooting at Lt. Gov Shoot.
- >
- > Some of these events where we set up the 5-stand there are also
- > competitions to win guns or other prizes and that is the main focus
- > for the event. We are not there to conduct a STEP program or hunter
- > skills program. It is just another activity for the participants to do
- > and win prizes. I would really like to get these events transitioned
- > to a real STEP or hunter skills program.
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- > I really need some guidance for the event next week and possibly talk
- > with John Collison before-hand to get a few things changed if possible.
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- > Thanks.
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- > Damon Springer
- > Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife
- > 405-317-6316 Cell
- > 405-396-2294 Fax
- >

Exhibit D: Inhofe fundraiser invitation sent to OWDC



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR**



**U.S. SENATOR JIM INHOFE'S  
10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**DOVE  
HUNT**

**FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT  
WITH OKLAHOMA'S OWN**

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PAID FOR BY INHOFE VICTORY COMMITTEE 2014  
A joint fundraising committee. Authorized by and formed to benefit:  
Friends of Jim Inhofe Committee and Fund for a Conservative Future

**INHOFE VICTORY COMMITTEE 2014**  
P.O. 13300  
Oklahoma City, OK 73113

**REPLY CARD FOR  
U.S. SENATOR JIM INHOFE'S  
10TH ANNIVERSARY  
DOVE HUNT**



For more information please contact  
Amanda Hall 405-418-7545 or amandahall@jiminhofe.com, or  
Amy Bradley 703-836-5351 or amyfordbradley@comcast.net.

LODGE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR GUESTS AND HUNTERS IS AUGUST 31, 2014. ALL LODGING MUST BE MADE THROUGH AMANDA HALL.

**Gold Level Host\*** - \$1,250 Individual - \$2,500 PAC

Please recognize \_\_\_\_\_ as Gold Level Sponsor

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Shotgun Shell: 12 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun Shell: 12 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_

**Silver Level\*** - \$500 Individual - \$1,000 PAC

Please recognize \_\_\_\_\_ as Silver Level Sponsor

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Shotgun Shell: 12 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun Shell: 12 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Ga: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Hunting Reception & Dinner Participant\*** - \$250 per person

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ No, I cannot attend, but I wish to support Senator Inhofe and his campaign.

Enclosed is my contribution for \_\_\_\$2,500 \_\_\_\$1,250 \_\_\_\$1,000 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Lodging not included*

**Please make checks payable to: Inhofe Victory Committee 2014**  
Mail to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014, 901 N Washington St, Suite 700, Alexandria, VA 22314

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE REVERSE OF THE CARD COMPLETELY**

**Please make checks payable to: Inhofe Victory Committee 2014**  
Mail to: Inhofe Victory Committee 2014, 901 N. Washington Street, Suite 700, Alexandria, VA 22314  
For Questions, please contact Rusty Appleton at 405-640-7637 or rustyappleton@jimiinhofe.com

\_\_\_\_/We wish to allocate our joint or my individual contribution as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (self) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse) Friends of Jim Inhofe General 2014  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (self) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse) Fund For A Conservative Future to Annual 2014

Signature of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Spouse (if joint): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*The maximum an individual or non-qualified PAC may contribute to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 is \$7,600 with \$2,600 allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe for the General 2014 election; and \$5,000 allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future. Couples may contribute \$15,200 from a joint account if each spouse so designates the contributions. Qualified multi-candidate PACs may contribute \$10,000 to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014: with \$5,000 allocated to the Friends of Jim Inhofe for General 2014 election; and \$5,000 allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Corporate contributions may not be accepted by Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 or either of the Participants. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose aggregate contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year or election cycle.*

### Joint Fundraising Notice and Contribution Guidelines

Contributions to the Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 will be allocated as follows:

1. For contributions from an individual or non-qualified PAC, the first \$2,600 received will be allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe for the General 2014 election.
2. For contributions from an individual or non-qualified PAC, the next \$5,000 received will then be allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future.
3. For contributions from a multicandidate PAC, the first \$5,000 received will be allocated to Friends of Jim Inhofe for the General 2014 election.
4. For contributions from a multicandidate PAC, the next \$5,000 received will then be allocated to the Fund For A Conservative Future.
5. Any contribution to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 by any donor which upon allocation is determined to exceed the contribution limit of that donor to one of the Participants shall be reallocated to the other Participant to the maximum contribution limit allowable from the donor to the Participants.
6. Any contribution or portion thereof to Inhofe Victory Committee 2014 which is determined to exceed the contribution limit of that donor to both Participants, as proscribed by 2 U.S.C. § 441a, shall be returned to the donor. Notwithstanding the allocation formula described above, contributions may be designated by the contributor for a specific Participant as specified above.

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**Exhibit E: Campaign finance reports filed by Senator Inhofe**

**SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3)  
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

Use separate schedule(s)  
for each category of the  
Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER:  
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)  
**Friends of Jim Inhofe**

**A. Michael Lee**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Date of Disbursement: 06 16 2013

Mailing Address: 2340 NW 157th Street

City: Edmond    State: OK    Zip Code: 73013

Purpose of Disbursement: Mileage Reimbursement    Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 204.99

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Category/Type: 001

Transaction ID: SB17-EX11153

Office Sought:  House     Senate     President    Disbursement For: 2014  
 Primary     General  
 Other (specify) Primary 2014

Mileage Reimbursement

State: \_\_\_\_\_    District: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Michael Daugherty**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Date of Disbursement: 09 06 2013

Mailing Address: Rt 1 Box 161-B

City: Anadarko    State: OK    Zip Code: 73005

Purpose of Disbursement: Event Expense: Supplies    Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 3000.00

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Category/Type: 001

Transaction ID: SB17-EX11353

Office Sought:  House     Senate     President    Disbursement For: 2014  
 Primary     General  
 Other (specify) Primary 2014

Event Expense: Supplies

State: \_\_\_\_\_    District: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Lauren Rahill**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Date of Disbursement: 09 06 2013

Mailing Address: 2719 NW 68th St

City: Oklahoma City    State: OK    Zip Code: 73116

Purpose of Disbursement: Reimbursement: See Below    Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 378.62

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Category/Type: 001

Transaction ID: SB17-EX11354

Office Sought:  House     Senate     President    Disbursement For: 2014  
 Primary     General  
 Other (specify) Primary 2014

Reimbursement: See Below

State: \_\_\_\_\_    District: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) ..... 3583.61

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) .....

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**SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)  
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**Use separate schedule(s)  
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Detailed Summary PageFOR LINE NUMBER:  
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Inhofe Victory Committee 2014

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**A. Michael Daugherty**

Mailing Address CR1310 19162

City	State	Zip Code
Anadarko	OK	73005

Purpose of Disbursement  
Event Supplies/Books

Candidate Name

Category/  
Type

Office Sought:

 House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

 Primary  General  
 Other (specify) ▼

State:

District:

Date of Disbursement

MM / DD / YYYY  
09 / 03 / 2014

Transaction ID : SB21B.4230

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

7000.00

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**B. Eureka Water Company**

Mailing Address 729 SW 3rd St

City	State	Zip Code
Oklahoma City	OK	73109

Purpose of Disbursement  
Event Supplies/Beverages

Candidate Name

Category/  
Type

Office Sought:

 House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

 Primary  General  
 Other (specify) ▼

State:

District:

Date of Disbursement

MM / DD / YYYY  
08 / 27 / 2014

Transaction ID : SB21B.4309

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

243.84

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**C. Clay Farrington**

Mailing Address 309 N Washington

City	State	Zip Code
Hobart	OK	73651

Purpose of Disbursement  
Event Expense/Security

Candidate Name

Category/  
Type

Office Sought:

 House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

 Primary  General  
 Other (specify) ▼

State:

District:

Date of Disbursement

MM / DD / YYYY  
09 / 19 / 2014

Transaction ID : SB21B.4240

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

300.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional).....▶

7543.84

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only).....▶



## Exhibit F: Sales tax

On August 25th, 2015, we wrote to the Oklahoma tax commission agency to see if financial transactions involving the sale of pigeons was taxable. This was their response:

*"The sale of live animals are sales taxable, unless specifically exempt."*

The exemptions listed that might possibly apply were as follows:

*710:65-19-7. Animals and animal related, non-farm*

*(a) Sales of animals to a person who holds a valid sales tax permit and who is regularly engaged in raising animals for sale are exempt from sales tax. Purchases made by persons primarily engaged in raising animals for any other purpose or use other than raising animals for sale are subject to sales tax.*

*(d) Sales of animals that are not defined as "livestock" by Section 710:65-13-15 are subject to tax if the purchaser is not the holder of a valid sales tax permit who is regularly engaged in the business of raising the animals for marketing or reselling the animals.*

*g) Sales of animals or items exempted by this section will qualify for exemption only where the purchaser certifies in writing on a copy of each invoice or sales ticket that "(The Purchaser) is regularly engaged in the business of raising animal life for marketing and that the items purchased exempt from sales tax will be used only in that business."*

*[Source: Amended at 11 Ok Reg 3521, eff 6-26-94; Amended at 15 Ok Reg 2827, eff 6-25-98; Amended at 17 Ok Reg 2708, eff 6-25-00]*

The purchaser in this case, "Friends of Jim Inhofe" and the "Inhofe Victory Committee 2014" are PACs and clearly not *"regularly engaged in the business of raising the animals for marketing or reselling the animals,"* or are *"...regularly engaged in the business of raising animal life for marketing."* **Therefore, they absolutely should have paid sales tax and, it was their responsibility to do it.**