



# MASSACHUSETTS FISCAL ALLIANCE



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Michael Sullivan, Director  
Office of Campaign and Political Finance  
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Dear Mr. Sullivan,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, I request your office review the campaign contribution scheme conducted at Thornton Associates, the law firm of former State Representative Garrett Bradley and his business partner Michael Thornton. An Oct. 30 *Boston Globe* Spotlight story, "Law firm 'bonuses' tied to Political Donations," describes a firm policy in which partner contributions to candidates were reimbursed by the firm, a clear violation of OCPF regulations.

Corporate contributions and corporate reimbursements are prohibited in Massachusetts. The Thornton scheme boldly circumvents this prohibition.

Contributions received by candidates and organizations regulated by your office would, in fact, be tainted. Such contributions must be returned as part of restitution, as the monies constitute an unfair advantage.

On behalf of the members of The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Craney, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance