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**Jim Gerlach's Dirty Politics and Murky Ethics**

MALVERN, PA – Jim Gerlach released a statement today accusing Bob Roggio of violating federal law for failing to disclose financial information as required by law. This is an interesting attack strategy given that Gerlach was recently penalized with the largest FEC fine in Pennsylvania history for egregiously misrepresenting over \$2 million in campaign contributions.

“Jim Gerlach is pulling from his old bag of dirty campaign tricks in an attempt to distract voters from ethical violation so serious that resulted in a \$120,000 FEC Fine,” said Roggio Campaign Manager Liz Conroy. “Gerlach is trying to trump up something out of nothing because he is nervous that voters are already scrutinizing his lousy ethics record. We know that Jim Gerlach is most comfortable with negative campaigning, but we have a responsibility to question his ethics and his motives. Jim Gerlach is concocting negative attacks because he knows that his record is impossible to defend.

To clear up the record:

**THE ACCUSATION:** “Bob Roggio has violated federal law by failing to disclose important financial information as required by law.”

**THE FACT:** Bob Roggio acknowledged “YES” to having received “compensation of more than \$5,000 from a single source in the two prior years.” Roggio was employed and compensated by both the US Senate and The Bob Casey for PA Committee during the past two years. Both earnings were already a matter of public record, but the Senate employment was and is not legally required to be disclosed. To clarify any misunderstanding, Roggio filed an amendment disclosing both sources and amounts as previously and publicly reported:

- \$11,000 in 2006 paid by The Bob Casey for PA Committee
- \* Previously reported publicly in FEC filings
- \$15,888 in 2007 - 2008 paid by the US Senate while employed by Sen. Casey
- \* Previously reported publicly in The Report of the Secretary of the Senate

**THE ACCUSATION:** “This is clearly not a clerical mistake, but an attempt to deceive.”

**THE FACT:** Clearly, as both sources were already publicly disclosed, it would have been absurd to try and “deceive” the public. Bob Roggio has amended his financial disclosure statement to reflect ALL sources of income over the past 2 years, including those not required by law.