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**FLORIDA HOMETOWN DEMOCRACY CAUGHT HIDING THE BALL ON
FINANCIAL REPORTS, COMPLAINT REVEALS**

*Florida Chamber complaint shines light on numerous Amendment 4 campaign violations; urges Florida
Elections Commission to investigate further*

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Florida Chamber of Commerce today filed a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission against Florida Hometown Democracy, Inc., the Political Action Committee (PAC) sponsoring Amendment 4, a proposal to alter Florida’s constitution.

The official complaint – filed by Adam Babington, vice president of Governmental Affairs with the Florida Chamber – demonstrates a pattern of serious campaign finance and election law violations including:

- At least 72 specific incidences of not reporting occupational information for contributions in excess of \$100. This is a violation of 106.07(4), (5) and 106.19(1)(c) Florida Statutes.
- 1 specific incident of accepting a cash contribution in excess of \$50, a violation of 106.09 Florida Statutes.
- Frequent incidences of improper disclaiming on political advertising, including the official Amendment 4 website, a violation of 106.143(1)(b) Florida Statutes.

“This may be just the tip of the iceberg,” said Babington. “Florida Hometown Democracy has routinely chosen to ignore Florida’s campaign finance laws. Hometown Democracy special interest lawyers want to change Florida’s constitution, but they can’t even follow Florida’s law. This is very concerning to me, and should be to every voter in Florida. I urge the Florida Elections Commission to investigate further.”

Florida election law requires full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures so that the public has complete knowledge of who is funding efforts to rewrite the state constitution. Generally, violations of state election law carry a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation. This complaint alleges over 75 specific violations which could carry a maximum total fine in excess of \$70,000.

Florida Hometown Democracy has routinely hidden important donor information for years. Although they now fall outside the statute of limitations, Florida Hometown Democracy has failed to disclose occupational information for nearly 100 prior campaign donations, dating back to 2003. Florida Hometown Democracy even withheld occupational information for a contribution of \$25,000.

A copy of the complaint is available by visiting www.flchamber.com.

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Established in 1916 as Florida’s first statewide business advocacy organization, the Florida Chamber of Commerce is the state’s largest federation of employers, chambers of commerce and associations, representing more than 139,000 employers. The Chamber works within all branches of government to affect those changes set forth in the annual Florida Business Agenda, and which are seen as critical to the continued improvement of Florida’s business environment. Visit www.FloridaChamber.com for more information.