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Bruce McCain responds to allegations of “double-dipping.”

Please find below a copy of an email Bruce McCain sent to the Multnomah County Commissioners and County Attorney reiterating his public promise to repay the county’s retirement package if elected sheriff next year. At the same time, McCain rejects the politically-motivated suggestion that his retirement status bars him from running for political office.

“Dear Commissioners:

As you may have seen in the media, some are falsely suggesting that I am attempting to “double-dip” and/or cannot run for elective office due to the retirement package the county offered this year. Neither allegation is true. While we can argue whether running for elective office is the same as applying for or accepting employment from the county, that argument is a distinction without a difference.

The real issue is whether if elected, I should retain the buyout monies, which I have placed into a deferred account to pay for my family’s medical and dental insurance (currently running \$1400 per month out-of-pocket). Let me be perfectly clear with you as I have been with the labor organizations and media:

I do not support “double-dipping” by anyone and when elected, I will repay the buyout money.

While I disagree with those who claim that I will somehow breach the buyout contract, the question remains, “What is the remedy for such a breach?” Since I have already agreed to repay taxpayers when elected, the only other argument comes from my opponents who claim I am ineligible to run for elective office. On that point, I trust you will support my right to participate in our government as an elector or a candidate.”

Sincerely,

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