



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION  
ON  
BOB TRAXLER FOR CONGRESS,  
BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS FOR TRAXLER,  
SAGINAW PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR TRAXLER,  
TRAXLER CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST COMMITTEE, AND  
THE BAY TRAXLER CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

## I. Background

### A. Overview

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This report is based upon audits of Bob Traxler for Congress, Businessmen and Professionals for Traxler, Saginaw Professional and Business Committee for Traxler, Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee, and the Bay Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee ("the Committees") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2, United States Code, which directs the Commission to make from time to time audits and field investigations with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

Bob Traxler for Congress registered with the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives on October 18, 1974, in support of Bob Traxler, a candidate for election to the office of United States Representative from Michigan's Eighth (8th) Congressional District. Mr. Traxler authorized the Businessmen and Professionals for Traxler, the Saginaw Professional and Business Committee for Traxler, the Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee, and the Bay Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee to accept contributions and make expenditures on his behalf.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1975, through September 30, 1977, the final coverage date of the latest reports filed by the Committees at the time of the audit. During this period the Committees reported the following activity.



	<u>Beginning Cash</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Cash</u>
Bob Traxler for Congress	\$1,764.55	\$162,590.41	\$156,565.81	\$7,789.15
Businessmen & Profes- sionals for Traxler	\$ 317.00	\$ 13,075.00	\$ 13,214.80	\$ 177.20
Saginaw Professional & Business Committee for Traxler	\$ 155.90	\$ 9,285.00	\$ 9,216.96	\$ 223.94
Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee <u>1/</u>	\$ -0-	\$ 9,425.00	\$ 9,425.00	\$ -0-
Bay Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee <u>2/</u>	\$ -0-	\$ 4,975.00	\$ 520.91	\$4,454.09

This audit report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in this report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

1/ Coverage dates are from Committee inception (January 1, 1977) through termination (June 30, 1977).

2/ Coverage dates are from Committee inception (July 1, 1977) through September 30, 1977.

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B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committees during the period audited were:

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Bob Traxler for Congress	Peter G. Seward	Lois M. Voisine
Businessmen and Professionals for Traxler	Harold Rupp	Robert Murray
Saginaw Professional and Business Committee for Traxler	Eugene D. Mossner	Leopold P. Borrello
Traxler Congresssional Breakfast Committee	H. Bertrum Rosenson	Lois M. Voisine
Bay Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee	Melvyn Adelman	Lois M. Voisine

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of the Committees' debts and obligations; and, such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement and Description of Findings

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that except for the deficiency noted below, the reports and statements of Bob Traxler for Congress fairly present the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. Further, except as noted below, no material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

A. Corporate Contributions

Section 441b(a) of Title 2, United States Code, states in part, that it is unlawful for any corporation or labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any Federal office and unlawful for any Federal candidate, political committee, or other person to knowingly accept or receive any contribution from a corporation or labor organization.

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A review of the Committee's contribution records revealed that four (4) contributions, totaling \$190.00, were received from apparent corporate and/or labor organizational entities. The Committee was informed on November 23, 1977 by the Audit staff of the apparent corporate or labor union status of the contributors. The questionable contributions were refunded by the Committee on December 28, 1977. The matter was referred to the Commission's Office of General Counsel on January 11, 1978, where Matter Under Review 499(78) was initiated. The review conducted by the Office of General Counsel indicated that one (1) of the entities, which had made a contribution in the amount of \$25.00, was in violation of 2 U.S.C. 441b. The General Counsel's review also determined that two (2) contributions from two (2) labor organizations, amounting to \$65.00, consisted in whole or in part, of other than voluntary funds.

The fourth contribution, in the amount of \$100, was determined to have been made from personal funds, even though the instrument indicated that the funds were drawn on a corporate account.

Based on these facts and the Committee's prompt action in refunding the monies, the Commission voted on April 13, 1978 to close the matter with no further action.

## II. Auditor's Statement and Description of Findings

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the reports and statements of the authorized committees (Businessmen and Professionals for Traxler, Saginaw Professional and Business Committee for Traxler, Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee and the Bay Traxler Congressional Breakfast Committee) fairly present the financial activities of the Committees for the period covered by the audit. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

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CONGRESSIONAL AUDIT REPORT

Candidate/Committee: Bob Traxler - 6/7/78

State: Michigan

District: 8

Location: Saginaw, Bay City

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Major Opponent(s): E. Brady Denton (R)

Other Candidates Audited: E. Brady Denton (R) 3/9/78

Votes Cast: General Election - Traxler 110,127 - 59%  
Brady 75,323 - 40%

Primary Election - Unopposed

Total Receipts for Period: \$199,350.41

Total Expenditures for Period: \$188,943.48

First Elected (if applicable): April 1974

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