

National Interstate CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 14D-9

**SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 5)

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company)

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

63654U100

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Arthur J. Gonzales

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on behalf of the person(s) filing statement)**

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“ Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

This Amendment No. 5 (this Amendment No. 5) amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on March 3, 2014 by National Interstate Corporation, an Ohio corporation (as amended or supplemented from time to time, including as amended by this Amendment No. 5, the Statement).

Except as otherwise set forth below, the information set forth in the Statement remains unchanged and is incorporated herein by reference to the extent relevant to the items in this Amendment No. 5. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Statement.

Item 4. *The Solicitation or Recommendation*

The following is added at the end of the section entitled *Item 4 The Solicitation or Recommendation* Background of the Offer :

In response to the Committee Letter, on March 12, 2014, counsel to Messrs. Consolino, Peraino, Gruber, Larson and Jensen sent a letter to counsel to the audit committee, which is attached as Exhibit (a)(54) hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. *Exhibits*

Item 9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following thereto:

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

(a)(54)	Letter, dated March 12, 2014, from counsel to Messrs. Consolino, Peraino, Gruber, Larson and Jensen to counsel to the Audit Committee
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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ ARTHUR J. GONZALES

Name: **Arthur J. Gonzales**

Title: **Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

Dated: March 12, 2014