



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

July 27, 2012

Michael G. Glagola  
659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Glagola:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Margaret Green against you, alleging that you violated section 47(1) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), by failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on your campaign signs. A copy of Ms. Green's complaint is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election to include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(5).

In support of her complaint, Ms. Green provided a picture of a sign which states "MIKE GLAGOLA FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR [.]". It appears that the "paid for by" statement on the sign omits your committee's address.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

**If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of your receipt of this letter. Please include any evidence that reflects any corrective measures you have taken to bring your campaign material into compliance with the MCFA.** Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. If you fail to submit a response, the Department will render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

A copy of your reply will be provided to Ms. Green, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]". MCL 169.215(10). Note that the Department's

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enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in section 47(5) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: Margaret Green

**Michigan Department of State  
Campaign Finance Complaint Form**

**Reset Form**

This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the MCFA, 1976 PA 388, as amended; MCL 169.201 *et seq.*).

**Please print or type all information.**

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
2012 JUL 20 P 3:20  
DEPT OF STATE

Section 1. Complainant			
Your Name <b>Margaret Green</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>248-684-6067</b>	
Mailing Address <b>1700 Coogan</b>			
City <b>Milford</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48381</b>	

Section 2. Alleged Violator			
Name <b>Michael G. Glagola</b>			
Mailing Address <b>659 Mill Pointe Drive</b>			
City <b>Milford</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48381</b>	

**Section 3. Alleged Violations** (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA violated: **169.247**

Explain how those sections were violated:

Yard signs do not have the committee's address

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Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):

See Attached

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See Attached

**Section 4. Certification (Required)**

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.*

X Margaret Green 7-17-12  
Signature of Complainant Date

**Section 5. Certification without Evidence (Supplemental to Section 4)**

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) requires that the signed certification found in section 4 of this form be included in every complaint. However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence, you may also make the following certification:

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:*

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\_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant Date

Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 and some or all of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

Mail or deliver the completed complaint form and evidence to the following address:

Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of Elections  
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918





ORIGINAL OR AMENDED

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

1. Committee ID #: **95517**

2. Type of Filing:  
 Original  
 Amendment to Items: \_\_\_\_\_ Eff. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): **Committee to elect Mike G. Lagola Township Supervisor**

4a. Candidate Full Name (Last, First, M.I.):  
**Lagola, Michael G.**

4b. Political Party (if applicable):  
**Republican**

4c. County of Residence:  
**Oakland**

4d. Office Sought (Check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Governor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Governor	<input type="checkbox"/> State Senator
<input type="checkbox"/> State Rep.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. of State	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Gen.
<input type="checkbox"/> State Bd. of Ed.	<input type="checkbox"/> UofM Reg.	<input type="checkbox"/> MSU Trustee
<input type="checkbox"/> WSU Gov.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supreme Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeals Court
<input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Court	<input type="checkbox"/> District Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Probate Court
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Court		

Local or other please specify: **Township Supervisor**

4e. District/Circuit # or Jurisdiction: **Milford Township**

5. Date Committee was Formed: **02/24/12**

6a. Committee Phone #: **248-685-0611**

6b. Committee Fax #: **None**

6c. Committee E-mail Address: **myglagola@comcast.net**

6d. Committee Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

7a. Complete Comm. Mailing Address (May be PO Box):  
**659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford MI 48381**

7b. Complete Comm. Street Address (May not be PO Box):  
**659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford MI 48381**

8. Treasurer Name and Complete Address:  
**Michael G. Lagola  
659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford MI 48381**

Phone #: **248-685-0611**

E-mail Address: **myglagola@comcast.net**

9. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address:  
**Michael G. Lagola  
659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford MI 48381**

Phone #: **248-685-0611**

E-mail Address: **myglagola@comcast.net**

10.  REPORTING WAIVER REQUEST: If the committee does not expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000 in an election and checks this box, the filing requirement of pre, post and annual campaign statements is waived. The Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000 threshold.

11. Name and Address of Depositories or Intended Depositories of committee funds. (Michigan Bank, Credit Union or Savings & Loan Association)

a. Official Depository  
**Chase Bank  
30746 Lyon Center  
New Hudson MI 48165**

b. Secondary Depository

12.  This item applies only to gubernatorial Candidate Committees: Check if this committee intends to seek qualifying contributions or make qualifying expenditures.

13. ELECTRONIC FILING: This item applies to committees that file with the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections only and does not apply to Ballot Question Committees that file with the County Clerk's office.

The Campaign Finance Act requires any committee that files with the Secretary of State and spends or receives \$20,000 in the preceding calendar year OR expects to spend or receive \$20,000 in the current calendar year to file campaign statements electronically. MERTS Plus software is provided to you free of charge to assist you in meeting this requirement.

Committee spent or received or expects to spend or receive in excess of \$20,000 and is required to file electronically.

\*\* OR \*\*

Committee did not spend or receive or does not expect to spend or receive in excess of \$20,000 and would like to file electronically voluntarily.

14. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above statement and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. If filing electronically, we further agree that the signatures below shall serve as the signatures that verify the accuracy and completeness of each statement filed electronically by the committee. I/We certify that all reasonable diligence will be used in the preparation of each statement electronically filed by this committee and that the contents of each statement will be true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. (Sign Name and Date)

**Michael G. Lagola**      **2/24/12**  
Candidate

.....  
Current Treasurer

.....  
Designated Record Keeper (Required only if filing electronically)

RECEIVED FOR FILING  
 OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK  
 2012 FEB 28 AM 9:26  
 DEPT COUNTY CLERK



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

August 21, 2012

Margaret Green  
1700 Coogan  
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Ms. Green:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Michael Glagola, which concerns alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to send it within 10 business days of the date of this letter to the Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Michael Glagola

Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
MI DEPT OF STATE

August 10, 2012

Regarding the complaint filed by Margaret Green, 1700 Coogan, Milford MI 48381,  
violation of MCFA MCL169.247 against Mike Glagola.

Let me begin by saying this was not an intentional violation on my part. The day you received the complaint from my opponent's wife I received an email from another candidate indicating I was in violation motivating me to place address labels on each of my signs that same day. I'm including a picture of my sign with the label affixed. Reading the referenced sections governing the name and address requirements provided, I found no guidelines on whether adding address labels was acceptable or not and hope what I did is acceptable. I'm also attaching the receipt of the label purchase and an actual label for your review.

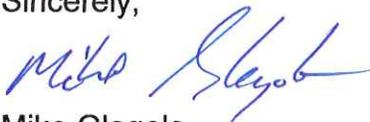
When I got your notice I made inquiries and was surprised at the number of signs and people not aware of the address requirement and have discussed this with our clerk. She in fact had to add address labels to her signs prior to placement for this election. One of the other candidates cited for violating the address requirement was helped by the previous Township Clerk who was not aware of the rules either. My printer was unaware of the requirement so I emailed him the requirements. I know now why when placing a political ad with our local paper they asked for my committee address. When I asked why they needed it they said it was something they always did but didn't know why. I, like a lot of others, were completely ignorant of the address requirement and I quickly corrected the error once I knew the requirements. I hope you realize that this was not intentional and take that into consideration when making your determination.

To support this was not intentional I'm including a picture of the sign I used for my 2005 and 2009 campaign for Village Council that also did not have the required address. It's similar to my sign that was reported to you. Had someone noticed the error then I would have been compliant for this election.

Not to belittle the infraction but was it only those candidates that challenged the complainant's husband that were reported? There was another sign for a Village issue next to our signs that lacked the required address and I wondered if it was reported as well. I would have respect for the complainant if she applied the rules equally and fairly to everyone. However, if she only reported her husband's opposition then I believe her intentions to be punitive and this law was used against me and the others as payback for challenging her husband, something I would have little respect for.

Thank you bringing this matter to my attention. I await your determination.

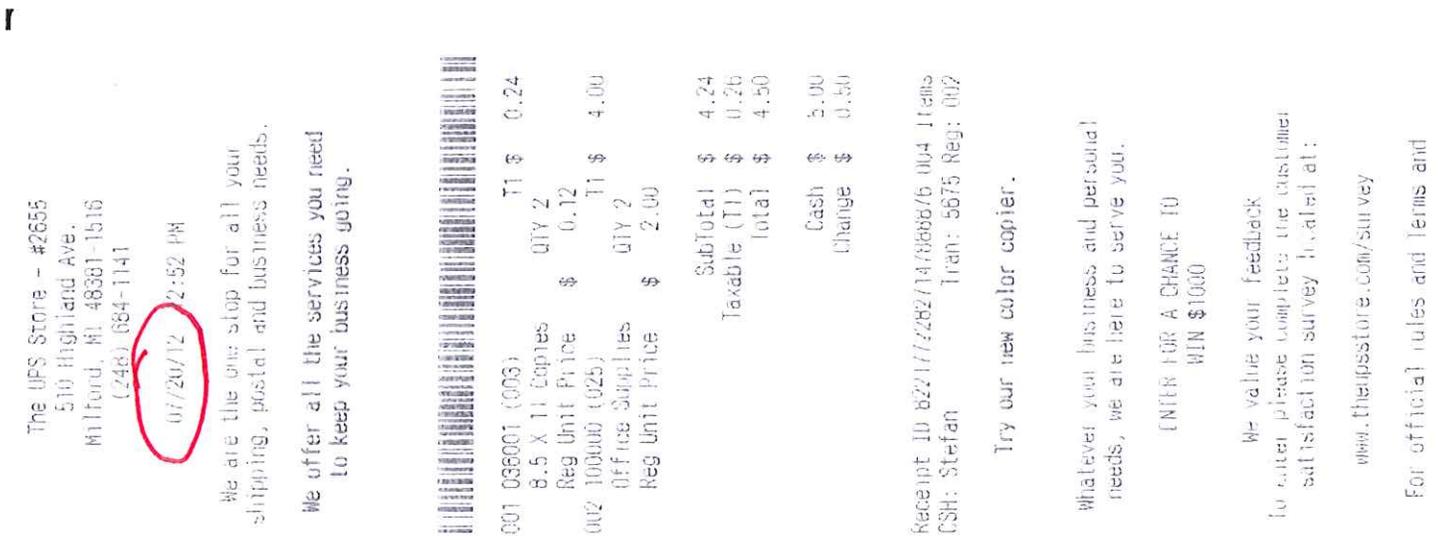
Sincerely,



Mike Glagola



My sign with address label added



Receipt for address labels

Mike Glagola  
659 Mill Pointe Dr.  
Milford, MI. 48381

Actual address label



Sign used in 2005 and 2009



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

October 11, 2012

Michael G. Glagola  
659 Mill Pointe Drive  
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Glagola:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of a complaint filed against you by Margaret Green, which alleged that you violated section 47(1) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), by failing to include a complete identification statement on your campaign signs. This letter concerns the disposition of Ms. Green's complaint.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election to include the phrase "Paid for by [name and address of the person who paid for the item]." MCL 169.247(1), R 169.36(2). A knowing violation constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00, imprisonment for up to 93 days, or both. MCL 169.247(5).

The Act also requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods [,]" if it finds that "there may be reason to believe that a violation ... has occurred [,]" MCL 169.215(10). The objective of an informal resolution is "to correct the violation or prevent a further violation [,]" *Id.*

The complaint was filed by Ms. Green on July 20, 2012, and you filed a written response on August 17, 2012. Ms. Green did not file a rebuttal statement.

Ms. Green alleged that your campaign signs did not "have [your] committee's address." Ms. Green provided as evidence a picture of one of your campaign signs which states "MIKE GLAGOLA FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR [,]" It appears that the paid-for-by statement on the sign omits your committee's address.

In response, you filed a letter which stated that "this was not an intentional violation on [your] part [,]" and that you "place[d] address labels on each of [your] signs" when you became aware of your violation. You provided as evidence a picture of one of your campaign signs with a new label containing your committee's address and a receipt for address labels.

While the Department believes that the evidence tends to show that your campaign signs failed to contain a proper paid-for-by statement, section 15(10) of the MCFA requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods

such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion [.]” The Department is satisfied that you took appropriate corrective measures to bring your campaign signs into compliance with the MCFA.

Additionally, the Department is advising you that section 47(1) and R 169.36(2) require you to print a complete and accurate identification statement on all campaign materials, consisting of the phrase “paid for by” followed by the full name and address of your committee. Note that all printed materials that refer to an election or your candidacy produced in the future must include this identification statement.

Please be advised that this notice has served to remind you of your obligation under the Act to identify your printed matter, and may be used in future proceedings as evidence that tends to establish a knowing violation of the Act. A knowing violation is a misdemeanor offense and may merit referral to the Attorney General for enforcement action. MCL 169.247(5), 215(10).

The Department now considers this matter closed and will take no further action against you at this time.

Sincerely,



Lori Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Margaret Green