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

July 26, 2012

Richard L. Mueller
808 Old Milford Farms
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Mueller:

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 and campaign postcards. A copy of Ms. Green's complaint is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

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In support of her complaint, Ms. Green provided a picture of a sign which states "MUELLER FOR MILFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVIOSR [.]" It appears that the "paid for by" statement on the sign omits your committee's address. In addition, Ms. Green included a postcard which states "Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor" and "VOTE ON AUGUST 7 [.]" The "paid for by" statement on the postcard also 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, 1st 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.

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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 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,

Lori A Bourbonais

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Bureau of Elections
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c: Margaret Green

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Campaign Finance Complaint Form

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Section 1. Complainant

Your Name		Daytime Telephone Number
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Mailing Address		
1700 Coogan		
City	**State**	**Zip**
Milford	MI	48381

Section 2. Alleged Violator

Name		
Richard L. Mueller		
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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:

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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 — Signature of Complainant

7-11-12 — Date

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FOR
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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

1. Committee ID #: 95667 2012 MAY 30 PM 2:13

2. Type of Filing:
☑ Original
☐ Amendment to Items: _____ Eff. Date: _____

BY: _____ DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor

4a. Candidate Full Name (Last, First, M.I.):
Mueller, Richard L.

4b. Political Party (if applicable): Republican

4c. County of Residence: Oakland

4d. Office Sought (Check one):

☐ Governor	☐ Lt. Governor	☐ State Senator
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☐ WSU Gov.	☐ Supreme Court	☐ Appeals Court
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☐ Municipal Court		

Local or other please specify: Township Supervisor

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

5. Date Committee was Formed: 05/20/12

6a. Committee Phone #: (248) 318-9010

6b. Committee Fax #: _____

6c. Committee E-mail Address: Ric@MuellerforMilford.com

6d. Committee Website Address: MuellerforMilford.com

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Milford, MI 48381

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Harold H Swenson
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White Lake, MI 48383

Phone #: (248) 685-7253
E-mail Address: swensonhj@comcast.net

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** OR **

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Richard L. Mueller 5/23/12
Candidate

Harold H Swenson 5/23/12
Current Treasurer

_____ _____
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VOTE AUGUST 7

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July 30, 2012

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808 Old Milford Farms
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2245 Hickory Ridge Trail, Milford, MI 48380

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2. **Type of Filing:**
☑ Original
☐ Amendment to Items: _____ Eff. Date: _____

BY: _____ DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

3. **Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name):** Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor

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Mueller, Richard L.

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

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

4d. **Office Sought (Check one):**

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☐ State Rep.	☐ Sec. of State	☐ Attorney Gen.
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Local or other please specify: Township Supervisor

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

5. **Date Committee was Formed:** 05/20/12

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6b. **Committee Fax #:** _____

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2958 Pine Needle Dr.
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Phone #: (248) 685-7253
E-mail Address: swensonhj@comcast.net

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August 7, 2012

Margaret Green
1700 Coogan
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Dear Ms. Green:

The Department of State received a response to the complaints you filed against Richard Mueller, which concern an alleged violation 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.

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August 3, 2012

Lori A. Bourbonais
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Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

Please accept this response to a formal complaint filed by Margaret Green of 1700 Coogan, Milford Mi, 48381 alleging violations of Section 169.247 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Prior to printing all campaign materials, The Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor consulted the "Getting Started as Candidate: Appendix J" to determine the necessary actions to come within compliance of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. At this time, "Paid for by the Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor" was printed at the bottom of all applicable materials including letters, postcards and signs. Based on the language within the guide, and a misinterpretation thereof, unfortunately the campaign address was not included.

Upon receiving notice of this formal complaint regarding campaign envelope, letter and postcard violations, the Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor re-investigated all campaign materials to comply with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Unfortunately, the campaign was unable to retrieve all envelopes, letters and postcards which had been distributed. The Campaign is able to include address labels on all future postcards, mailings, and other materials and has been implementing such procedures. Please see the attached envelope, letter and postcard as evidence supporting the Campaign's compliance.

During the entire campaign process, there have been no intentional efforts to hide, or otherwise obscure the campaign's origin, location, contact information, or intentions. Ric Mueller's personal phone number, email, and campaign website, including all contact information, have been readily publicized and available. This information also has been published in local periodicals and newspapers to invite any discussion, questions, or complaints.

The Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor is confident that materials currently meet all necessary Michigan Campaign Finance Act

requirements and will continue to meet those standards. We invite any discussion or examination into our financial records, and are willing to cooperate to the full extent of the law to aid the Department of State in adequately closing this issue.

With warmest regards,

Lee S. Mueller
Campaign Director
Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor, 808 Old Milford Farms, Milford, MI, 48381

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Thursday, August 2 2012

RE: Complaint filed by Margaret Green of 1700 Coogan, Milford Mi, 48381 alleging violations of Section 169.247 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Prior to printing all campaign materials, The Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor consulted the "Getting Started as Candidate: Appendix J" to determine the necessary actions to come within compliance of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. At this time, "Paid for by the Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor" was printed at the bottom of all applicable materials (postcards and signs). Based on the language within the guide, and a misinterpretation thereof, unfortunately the campaign address was not included.

On July 20, the Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor received independent notice from a third party that the lack of the campaign address on campaign yard signs constituted a violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. The Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor immediately contacted the Secretary of State to seek advice and take action to ensure compliance with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Under the advice of the Secretary of State, a label was placed on the bottom of all locatable yard signs which included the committee address (*Figure* A). Between initial distribution and discovery of error, some signs have gone missing. As these cannot be located, these have yet to be altered to comply with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Should these reappear, these will be adjusted to comply with all State laws.

Upon notice of the sign violations, the Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor re-investigated all campaign materials to comply with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Unfortunately, the campaign was unable to retrieve all post-cards which had been distributed. The Campaign is able to include address labels on all future post-cards, mailings, and other materials and has been implementing such procedures (*Figure B*).

During the entire campaign process, there have been no intentional efforts to hide, or otherwise obscure the campaign's origin, location, contact information, or intentions. Ric Mueller's personal phone number, email, and campaign website including all contact information have been readily publicized and available. This information also has been published in local periodicals and newspapers to invite any discussion, questions, or complaints.

The Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor is confident that materials currently meet all necessary Michigan Campaign Finance Act requirements and will continue to meet those standards. We invite any discussion or examination into our financial records, and are willing to cooperate to the full extent of the law to aid the Department of State in adequately closing this issue.

With warmest regards,

Lee S. Mueller
Campaign Director
Committee to Elect Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor

Figure A. Alterations to "Mueller for Milford" road sign to come within compliance of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act as advised by the Secretary of State

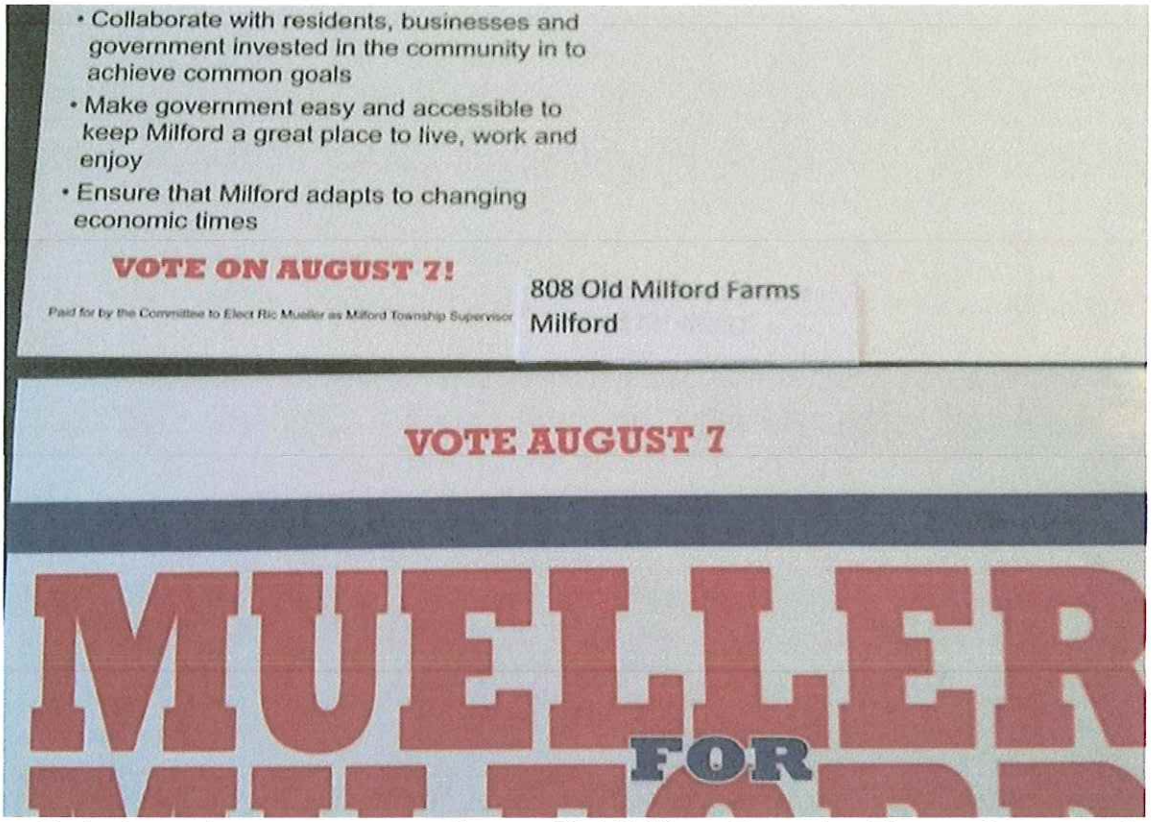

Figure B. Actions taken to ensure compliance with Michigan Campaign Finance Act on previously printed postcard material. No additional printings have yet taken place.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
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LANSING

October 11, 2012

Richard L. Mueller
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Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Mueller:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of two complaints 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 and correct identification statement on your campaign signs, postcards, and flyer. This letter concerns the disposition of Ms. Green's complaints.

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 complaints were filed by Ms. Green on July 17 and 23, 2012, and you filed written responses on August 6 and 7, 2012. Ms. Green did not file a rebuttal statement to either answer.

Ms. Green alleged that the paid-for-by statements on your campaign signs, postcards, and flyer did not contain the address of your committee. Ms. Green provided as evidence a copy of a picture of a campaign sign which states "MUELLER FOR MILFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR [,]" a postcard which states "Ric Mueller for Milford Township Supervisor [,]" and a flyer addressed to "Milford Resident" and signed by Colleen Schwartz that urged voters to vote for Ric Mueller on August 7. It appears that the paid-for-by statements on this material omit your committee's address.

In response, you filed two letters which stated that as soon as you were aware that the lack of an address was a violation of the Act, you placed a label "on the bottom of all locatable yard signs which included the committee address." You also stated that all post-cards had already been distributed, but that you would "include address labels on all future post-cards, mailings, and other materials and [that you had] been implementing such procedures." You provided as

evidence a picture of one of your campaign signs, an envelope, a postcard, and a flyer with new labels containing your committee's address.

While the Department believes that the evidence tends to show that your campaign material failed to contain a complete 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 material 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 A Bourbonais

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Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Margaret Green