



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

December 10, 2012

Madeline A. Arkuski  
35511 Stephanie Drive  
Apartment 108  
Romulus, Michigan 48174

Dear Ms. Arkuski:

The Department of State (Department) has concluded its review of the complaint you filed against Virginia Ann Williams, concerning an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* This letter concerns the disposition of your complaint.

You alleged that Ms. Williams failed to include a complete and correct identification statement on printed material regarding two Romulus School District millage ballot questions. 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).

Ms. Williams filed a written response to your complaint dated August 16, 2012, which was filed with this office on September 12, 2012. You did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department.

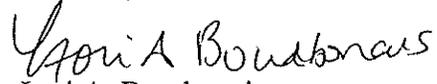
As evidence, you provided the Department a printout from the Romulus Citizens United website, which states "VOTE NO on May 8, 2012" and a printed flyer which states "VOTE AUGUST 7, 2012 VOTE" and "I'm VOTING NO on the HOLD HARMLESS MILLAGE." It appeared that there was no paid-for-by statement on either the website or the flyer.

In her response, Ms. Williams denied producing or printing the website or flyer. The Department also spoke with Ms. Williams via telephone on September 19, 2012. Ms. Williams denied any involvement with a group called "Romulus Citizens United," and again claimed that she did not produce the website or flyer. No evidence has been submitted that refutes this assertion.

Based on Ms. Williams's denial of any involvement and the lack of any evidence to the contrary, the Department has determined that there is insufficient evidence for the Department to have a reason to believe that Ms. Williams has violated section 47 of the MCFA. As a result, your

complaint is dismissed. The Department's file in this matter has been closed and no further enforcement action will be taken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Secretary of State

c: Virginia Ann Williams