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The Honorable Ed Giese  
 State Representative  
 State Capitol Building  
 Room L  
 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Giese:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding the applicability of the Campaign Finance Act, 1976 PA 388, as amended (the "Act"), to the lawn signs being used in your campaign for re-election.

Previously you asked in a telephone call if it was necessary to change the identification portion of signs that have been used previously in your campaign when the committee's address is changed. The Department staff person you spoke with told you that it was not necessary to change the identification since it was correct when the signs were purchased, and the committee has filed an amended Statement of Organization with its new address.

Section 47 of the Act (MCL 169.247) contains the identification requirements for printed matter used in election campaigns. The rules promulgated to implement the Act also include a rule relating to the identification requirement at R 169.236. Neither the Act nor the rules include any provision covering the issue you raise. However, neither is there a requirement that a committee re-label all materials when the committee address changes. Absent such a requirement, a committee which has filed an amendment to its Statement of Organization showing the change of address is not required to note the change of address on printed matter it has previously purchased, provided that the printed matter contains an identification statement that was correct when originally purchased.

This response is provided for informational purposes and is not a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,

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