



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

July 17, 2012

Jeffery Zeke Lewis
2944 Deer Ridge Drive
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Lewis:

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 "JEFF 'ZEKE' LEWIS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR [.]". It appears that there is no "paid for by" statement on the sign.

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.

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 black ink that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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:

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

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name Jeffery Zeke Lewis		
Mailing Address 2944 Dear Ridge Dr.		
City Milford	State MI	Zip 48381

Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)
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Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

169, 247

Explain how those sections were violated:

Yard signs do not have paid for by the committee name and address printed on them.

Yard signs do not have paid for by the committee name and address printed on them.

Yard signs do not have paid for by the committee name and address printed on them.

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

See attached

See attached

See attached

See attached

See attached

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MI DEPT OF STATE

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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 7-11-12
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:

X Margaret Green 7-11-12
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 #: 95718

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

3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): Jeff Lewis Committee

4a. Candidate Full Name (Last, First, M.I.):
Lewis, Jeffrey Zeke

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: Superior

4e. District/Circuit # or Jurisdiction: Midland-Twp

5. Date Committee was Formed: May 25th 2012

6a. Committee Phone #: 248-863-6427

6b. Committee Fax #: _____

6c. Committee E-mail Address: _____

6d. Committee Website Address: _____

7a. Complete Comm. Mailing Address (May be PO Box):
2944 Deer Ridge Dr.
Milford, Mich - 48381

7b. Complete Comm. Street Address (May not be PO Box): _____

8. Treasurer Name and Complete Address:
Deana Straub -
2944 Deer Ridge Dr
Milford, mi 48381

Phone #: 810 599-7097

E-mail Address: teachnd@yahoo.com

9. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address:

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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
Huron Valley State Bank
Milford, MI
Milford mich 48381

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)

[Signature] 6/13/12
Candidate

Deana Straub 6-11-12
Current Treasurer

Designated Record Keeper (Required only if filing electronically)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
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August 1, 2012

Margaret Green
1700 Coogan
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Ms. Green:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Jeffery Zeke Lewis, which concerns 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.

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, 1st 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: Jeffery Zeke Lewis

July 25, 2012

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On July 19, 2012, we received the complaint form regarding the lawn signs. That evening, the lawn signs were replaced with one's that included the required information.

On both sides of the sign, in the bottom corner, it now reads...

'Paid for by Jeff Lewis Committee
2944 Deer Ridge, Milford MI 48381



We believe that the signs are now in compliance with MCL 169.247

Thank you,

Deana Straub

Jeff Zeke Lewis



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October 11, 2012

Jeffery Zeke Lewis
2944 Deer Ridge Drive
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Mr. Lewis:

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 and correct 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 16, 2012, and you filed a written response on July 31, 2012. Ms. Green did not file a rebuttal statement.

Ms. Green alleged that your campaign "yard signs [did] not have paid for by the committee name and address printed on them." Ms. Green provided as evidence a picture of a sign which states "JEFF 'ZEKE' LEWIS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR [.]". It appears that there is no paid-for-by statement on the sign.

In response, you filed a letter which stated that the evening that you received the complaint form, "the lawn signs were replaced with ones that included the required information." You also provided two pictures of signs that contain a paid-for-by statement that includes your committee's name and 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

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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 Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Margaret Green