



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

June 7, 2018

Matt Marko
5036 Dixie Highway #1164
Waterford, Michigan 48330

Re: *Hyaduck v. Marko*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-06-018-47

Dear Mr. Marko:

The Department of State (Department) has received a complaint alleging that you have violated MCL 169.247 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA) by failing to include a complete and correct identification statement on certain campaign-related materials.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require a person who produces printed material that relates to an election 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(6).

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.*

At issue in the complaint is a campaign banner that says "MATT MARKO for State Representative." It is alleged that this banner does not contain a proper paid for by statement as required by the MCFA. In support of the complaint, copies of the banner were provided, and have been enclosed with this communication.

Upon review of the submitted materials, it appears that the paid for by statement is omitted entirely from the banner in violation of MCL 169.247. Given this, the Department is hereby advising you that MCL 169.247(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 produced in the future referring to an election or to your candidacy must include this

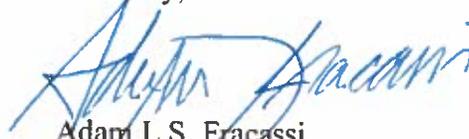
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identification statement. If this information has been included on the banner, but has not been provided to this office, please provide this office such evidence demonstrating the proper paid for by statements located on the banner.

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(6), 215(10).

The Department considers the instant action closed and resolved.

Sincerely,



Adam L.S. Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Sean Hyaduck

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Campaign Finance Complaint Form Michigan Department of State

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.*). All information on the form must be provided along with an original signature and evidence. Please print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name	Sean Hyaduck	Daytime Telephone Number 248-762-7125
Mailing Address	3601 Clyde Rd	
City	State	Zip
Holly	MI	48442

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name	Matt Marko	
Mailing Address	5036 Dixie Hwy # 1164, MI	
City	State	Zip
Waterford	MI	48330

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

MCL 169.247 Section 47 (1)

Explain how those sections were violated:

Printed campaign banner does not contain any identification, name, or address of the person who paid for the banner.

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

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

Sean Hyaduck
Signature of Complainant

5-31-18

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

Signature of Complainant

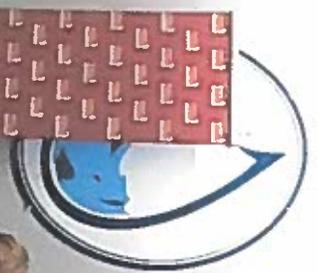
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Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 and some or all of the expenses incurred 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 with an original signature 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

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