



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

June 7, 2018

Lynn O'Brien
3505 Emerald Park Drive
Milford, Michigan 48380

Re: *Hyaduck v. O'Brien*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2018-06-017-47

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

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 is a newspaper article titled "OBrien's experience a major asset for 44th district State Representative." In support of the complaint, a copy of this newspaper article was provided and is enclosed with this correspondence.

Upon review, it appears that the paid for by statement is incomplete. The bottom of the newspaper article states "Paid political advertisement by Lynn OBrien for 44th District State Representative." 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 that refer to an election or your candidacy produced in the future must include this identification statement. If this information has been included in

Campaign Finance Complaint Form
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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	Lynn O' Brien	
Mailing Address	3505 Emerald Park Drive	
City	State	Zip
Milford	MI	48380

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 advertisement does not include a complete "name and address" of the person paying for the campaign advertisement.

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 Hyaduch 6-1-2017
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 _____
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 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

entertainment, and prom king/
queen and court crowning.
(Photos by Natalya Jaime.)



One Minute Interview

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tab. It's \$15 for an individual membership, or \$20 for a family annually (for children 18 and younger.) We have lifetime membership available as well. We also actually have a new program, Young Historians, that is geared to children 5-10 years of age. With this program, we hope to inspire interest in the history of White Lake, its early residents and the Fisk Farm property by engaging children with

a quarterly newsletter with puzzles, games, contests, fun farm facts and local history trivia. The annual membership fee is \$3."

Is there anything else you'd like to mention?

"Yes, sometimes I feel like we have things going on there that people aren't aware of. We offer field trips for groups besides school groups. Scouts, senior groups and special needs classes can come out. That is available all of the time."

OBrien's experience a major asset for 44th district State Representative

Long time White Lake and Highland resident Lynn OBrien has announced her candidacy for the 44th Michigan's State Representative seat, serving the White Lake and Highland Township communities.

OBrien is the only person among the seven candidates that has public service experience, a 37-year career in a variety of roles including planning, zoning and resident communications for White Lake Twp., Springfield Twp., Milford and a portion of Waterford. She has a bachelors degree in public administration and post graduate in legal studies.

For the past five years Lynn has worked for Senator Mike Kowall as District Director. She has volunteered thousands of hours throughout the district and knows the role of a state legislator is to serve district residents.

Her passion and driving motivation is helping people living in White Lake and Highland and making sure they get the services and assistance they need from

the state.

OBrien is enthusiastic and motivated to keep White Lake and Highland resident needs first.

"Experience does matter when it comes to serving in Lansing. I will always have an 'open door' policy to listen to everyone and understand needs and concerns to find solutions to problems," she said in announcing her candidacy.

OBrien is Pro-Life/Pro-Family, fiscally conservative, will work to find long-term solutions for roads, improving education funding, and senior concerns.

To find out more, please contact Lynn at 1-248-245-9735. Her website will be active soon, at www.lynnfor44.com



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Paid political advertisement by Lynn OBrien for 44th District State Representative.

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