



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

October 17, 2012

The People Should Decide
Jennifer J. Dennis, Treasurer
12225 Stephens Road
Warren, Michigan 48089

Dear Ms. Dennis:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint against The People Should Decide (the committee) filed by Eric Dimoff, alleging that the committee 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 certain campaign-related material. A copy of Mr. Dimoff'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 his complaint, Mr. Dimoff provided pictures of a campaign sign which states "VOTE YES ON 6 FOR A CHOICE ON THE BRIDGE [.]". 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 the date 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 Mr. Dimoff, 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 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 cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Eric Dimoff

COMPLAINT PROCESS

If you believe someone has violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the MCFA), you may file a written complaint with the Department of State (the Department). The complaint must include all of the following:

- Your name, address and telephone number.
- The alleged violator's name and address.
- A description in reasonable detail of the alleged violation, including the section or sections of the MCFA you believe were violated, an explanation of how you believe the MCFA was violated, and any other pertinent information.
- Evidence which supports your allegations.
- A certification that:

To the best of your knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of the complaint is supported by evidence.

- However, in addition, if after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain specifically identified factual contentions of the complaint are supported by evidence, you may also certify that:

To the best of your knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that those specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry.

- Your signature immediately after the certification or certifications.

If you wish to have your complaint considered, it must include all of the above information. The Department may dismiss your complaint if any item is not included, or if the complaint is determined to be frivolous, illegible, or indefinite. If the complaint is dismissed, both you and the alleged violator will be notified.

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If the Department finds no reason to believe that your allegations are true, your complaint will be dismissed.

If the Department finds that there may be reason to believe your allegations are true, the Department must attempt to correct the violation or prevent further violations by informal methods such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion, and may enter into a conciliation agreement with the alleged violator.

If the Department is unable to correct the violation or prevent further violations informally, an administrative hearing may be held to determine whether a civil violation of the MCFA has occurred, or the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for the enforcement of criminal penalties. An administrative hearing could result in the assessment of a civil penalty. Such a hearing would be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act. An order issued as a result of such a hearing may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court.

WARNING: Section 15(8) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. Under section 15(14) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215), the Secretary of State may require a person who files a complaint with a false certification to:

- Pay the Department some or all of the expenses incurred by the Department as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.
- Pay the alleged violator some or all of the expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees, incurred by that person as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.
- Pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00.

If you have any questions about the complaint process, please write or call the Legal and Regulatory Services Administration.

**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 Eric Dimoff	Daytime Telephone Number 517-372-4400	
Mailing Address 225 S. Washington Sq.		
City Lansing	State MI	Zip 48933

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name The People Should Decide		
Mailing Address 12225 Stephens Road		
City Warren	State MI	Zip 48089

Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)
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Section(s) of the MCFA violated: **Section 47(1) of the MCFA (MCL 169.247)**

Explain how those sections were violated:

The "Vote Yes on 6" sign placed on the Ammex Duty Free store at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel does not include a "Paid for by" disclaimer on the printed campaign banner.

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

Attached are multiple photographs of the sign, which does not include a campaign disclaimer.

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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


Signature of Complainant

10/10/2012

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:

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Mail or deliver the completed complaint form and evidence to the following address:

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430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Amex Duty Free
ON
VOTE YES 
FOR A CHOICE ON THE
BRIDGE

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JUNE 4, 2012

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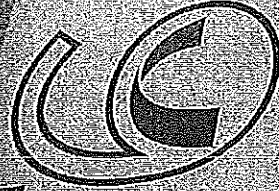
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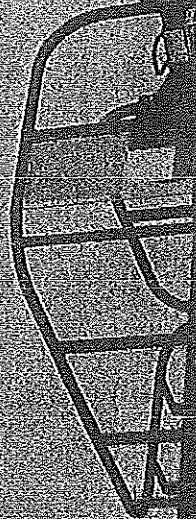
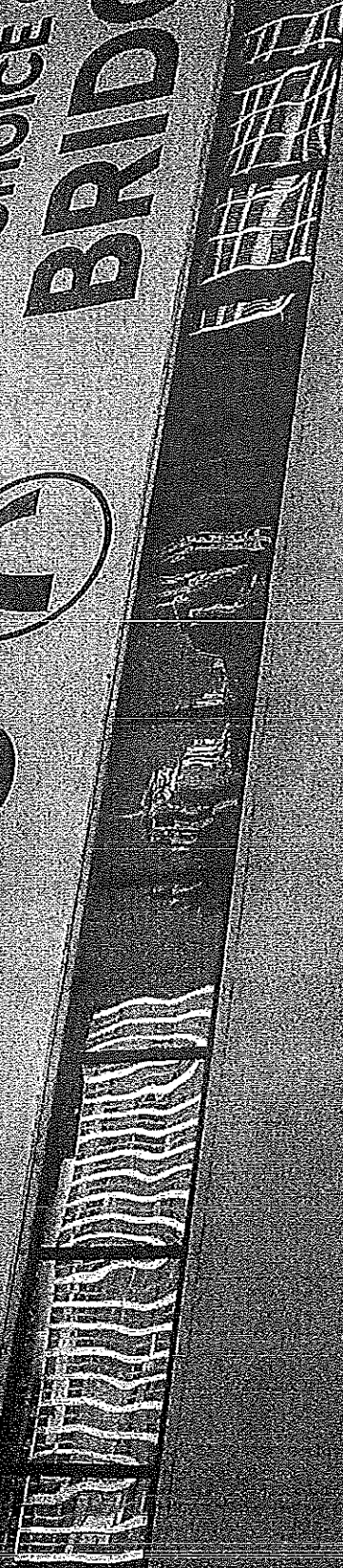
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VOTE
FOR
MAYOR



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

November 9, 2012

Eric Dimoff
225 South Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Dimoff:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against The People Should Decide, 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: Mickey Blashfield

Bourbonais, Lori (MDOS)

From: Holland, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 2:27 PM
To: Bourbonais, Lori (MDOS); Malerman, Melissa
Subject: FW: TPSD Formal Complaint Response (Attn: Lori Bourbonais)
Attachments: TPSD Formal Complaint Response 11.5.12.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Mickey Blashfield [mailto:blashfield@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 12:54 PM
To: SOS, Elections
Subject: Fwd: TPSD Formal Complaint Response (Attn: Lori Bourbonais)

Via email; to follow by mail

Department of State

Bureau of Elections

Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor

430 W. Allegan Street

Lansing, MI 48918

Attention: Lois A Bourbonais

Dear Bureau of Elections/Ms. Bourbonais:

Attached is an electronic copy of the reply from The People Should Decide ballot committee, responding to the complaint filed against our committee.

The correspondence includes the original complaint for your reference.

Thank you.

Mickey Blashfield

The People Should Decide

A Michigan Ballot Committee

12225 Stephens Road

Warren, MI 48089

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The People Should Decide ■ 12225 Stephens Road ■ Warren, MI 48089

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Via email; to follow by mail

November 5, 2012

Department of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor
430 W. Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918
Attention: Lois A Bourbonais

Dear Bureau of Elections:

I write in response to a complaint filed regarding the People Should Decide ballot committee by Mr. Eric Dimoff alleging failure to include a complete and correct identification statement on a single campaign banner displayed in downtown Detroit. Correspondence from your office containing the formal complaint was dated October 17 was received by my office October 23.

The People Should Decide ballot committee has endeavored to comply with the letter and spirit of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA). With literally millions of print pieces and numerous campaign message mediums, we have ensured the disclaimer is properly displayed. We have striven to be meticulous in all regards.

Regarding the single custom banner at Ammex Duty Free (Tunnel) in Detroit, the disclaimer apparently was omitted. By 4pm on October 23, the vendor had corrected the banner, immediately bringing it into compliance. Photographs are attached to this letter as documentation. It certainly was not our intent to display campaign material without a disclaimer, and I think our overall track record will show that this is a singular exception.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything further required to demonstrate compliance with the MCFA.

Sincerely,

The People Should Decide Ballot Committee

Mickey Blasfield
Director

Attachments (Photographs)

Authorized & paid for with regulated funds by The People Should Decide, a Michigan ballot committee.

AMMEX

VOTE YES

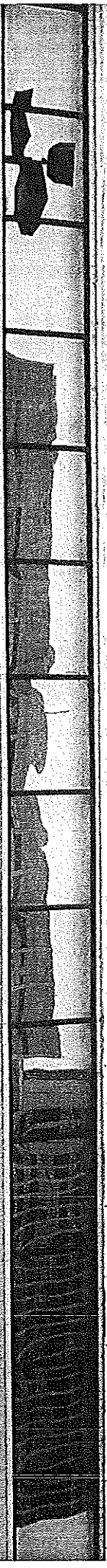
ON

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Ammex Duty Free

VOTE YES ON **FOR A CHOICE ON THE BRIDGE**

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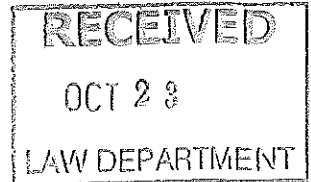


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October 17, 2012

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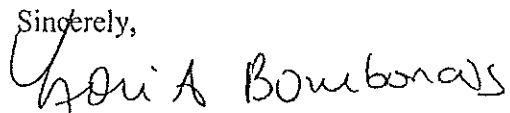
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Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
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Michigan Department of State
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Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA violated: Section 47(1) of the MCFA (MCL 169.247)

Explain how those sections were violated:

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

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Section 4. Certification (Required)

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Signature of Complainant

10/10/2012

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AmMex Duty Free

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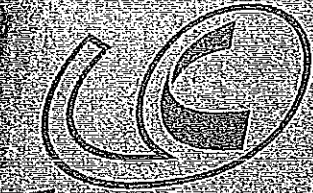
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JUNE 1, 2012

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It's a Duty Free

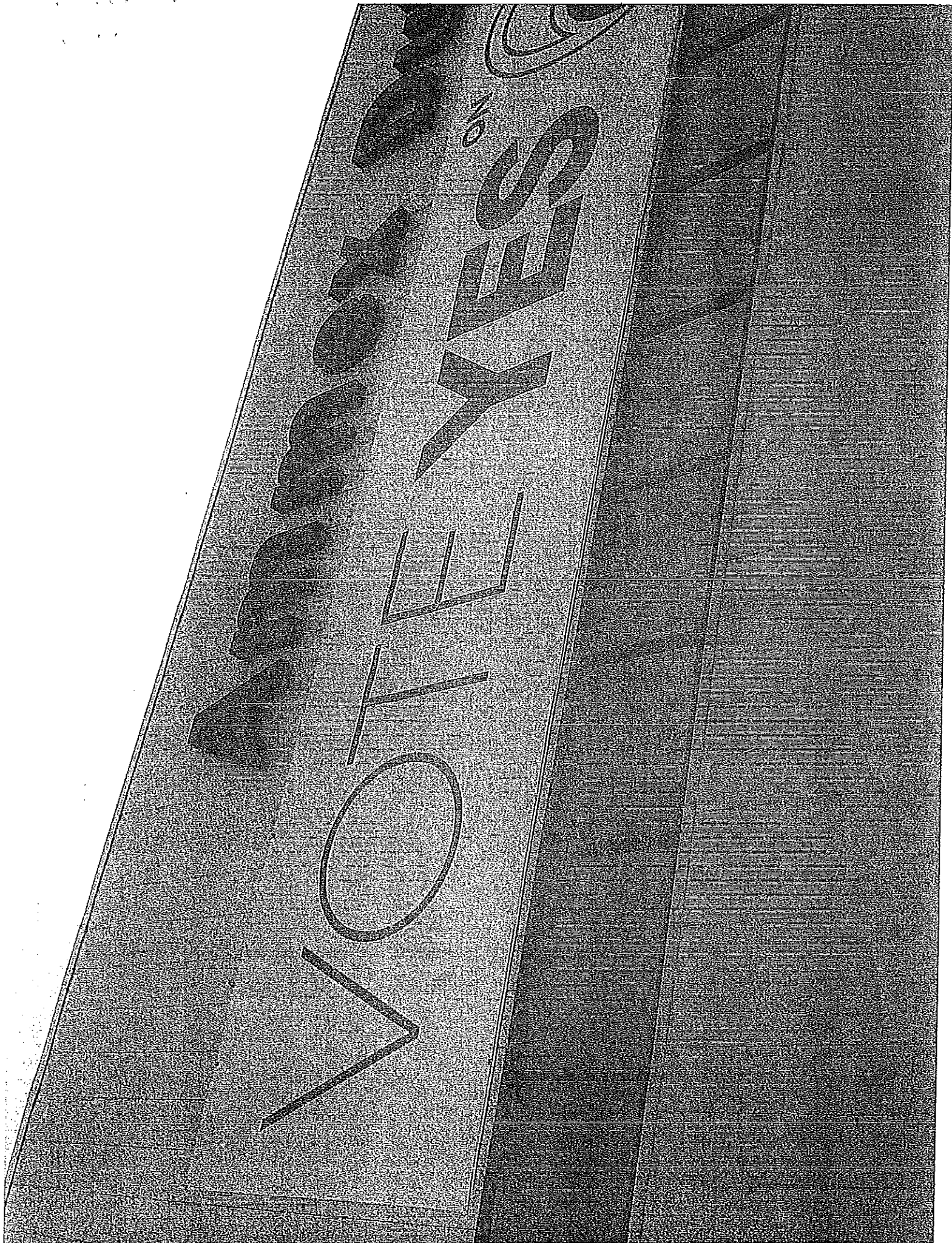


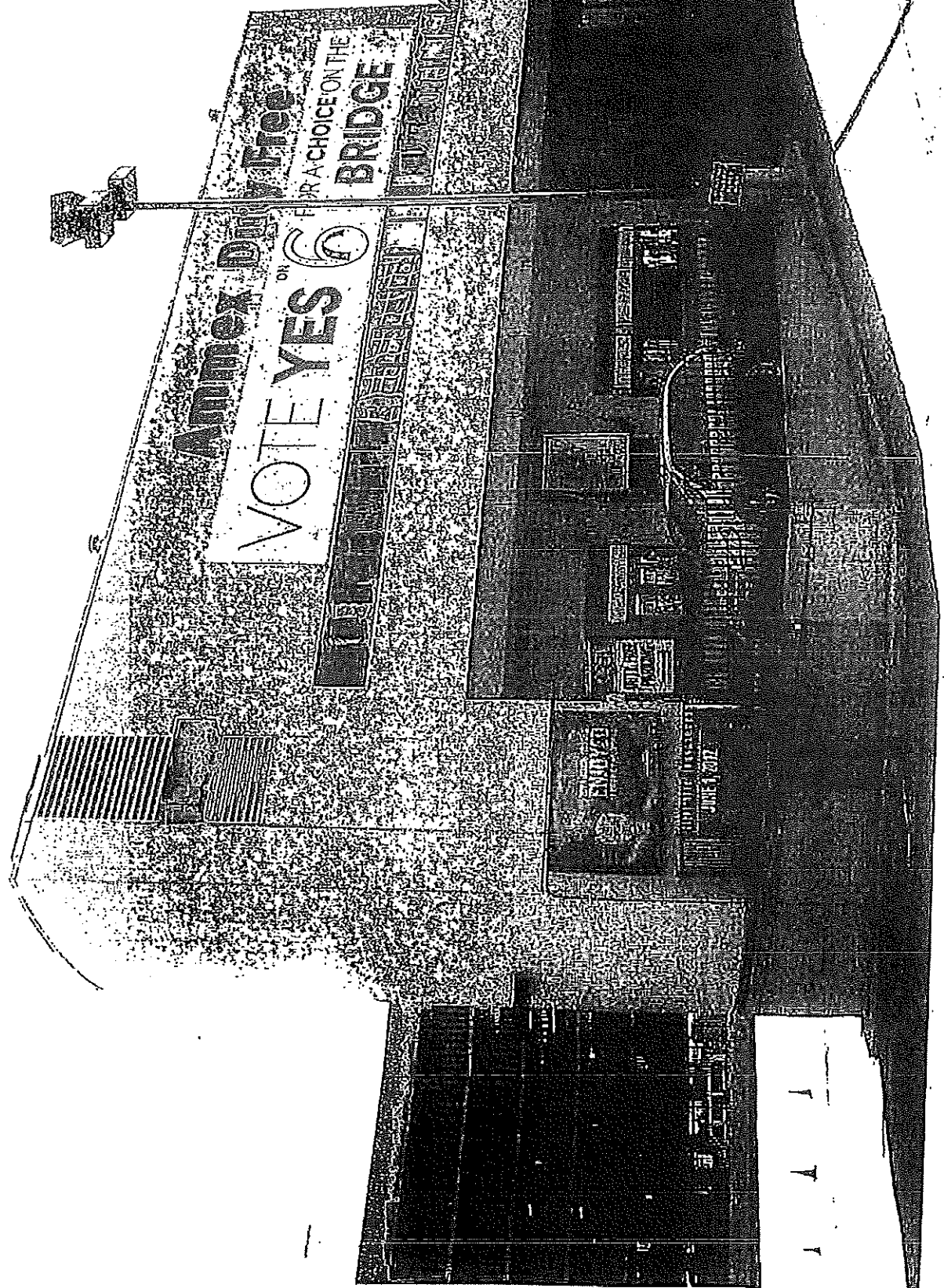
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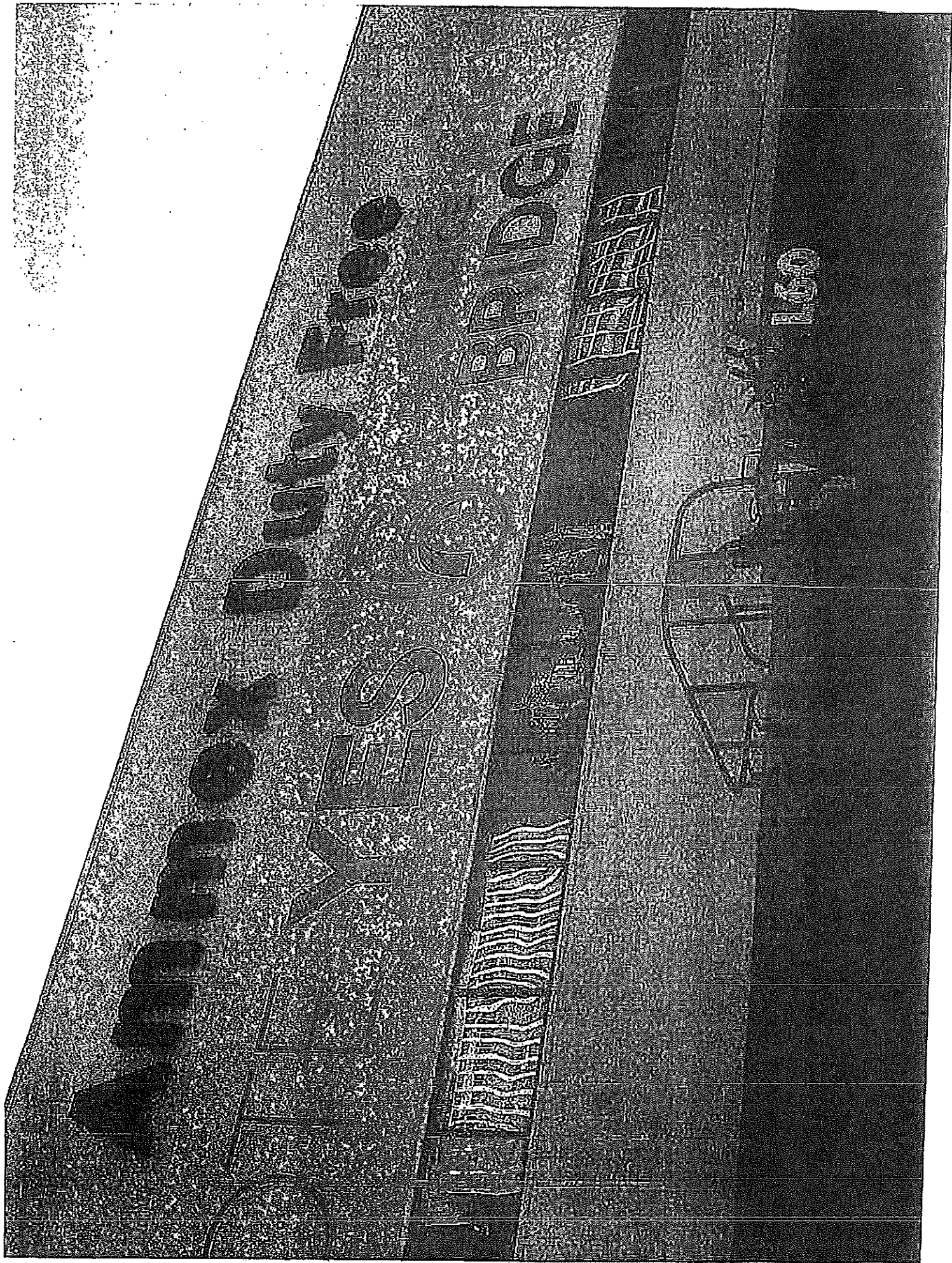
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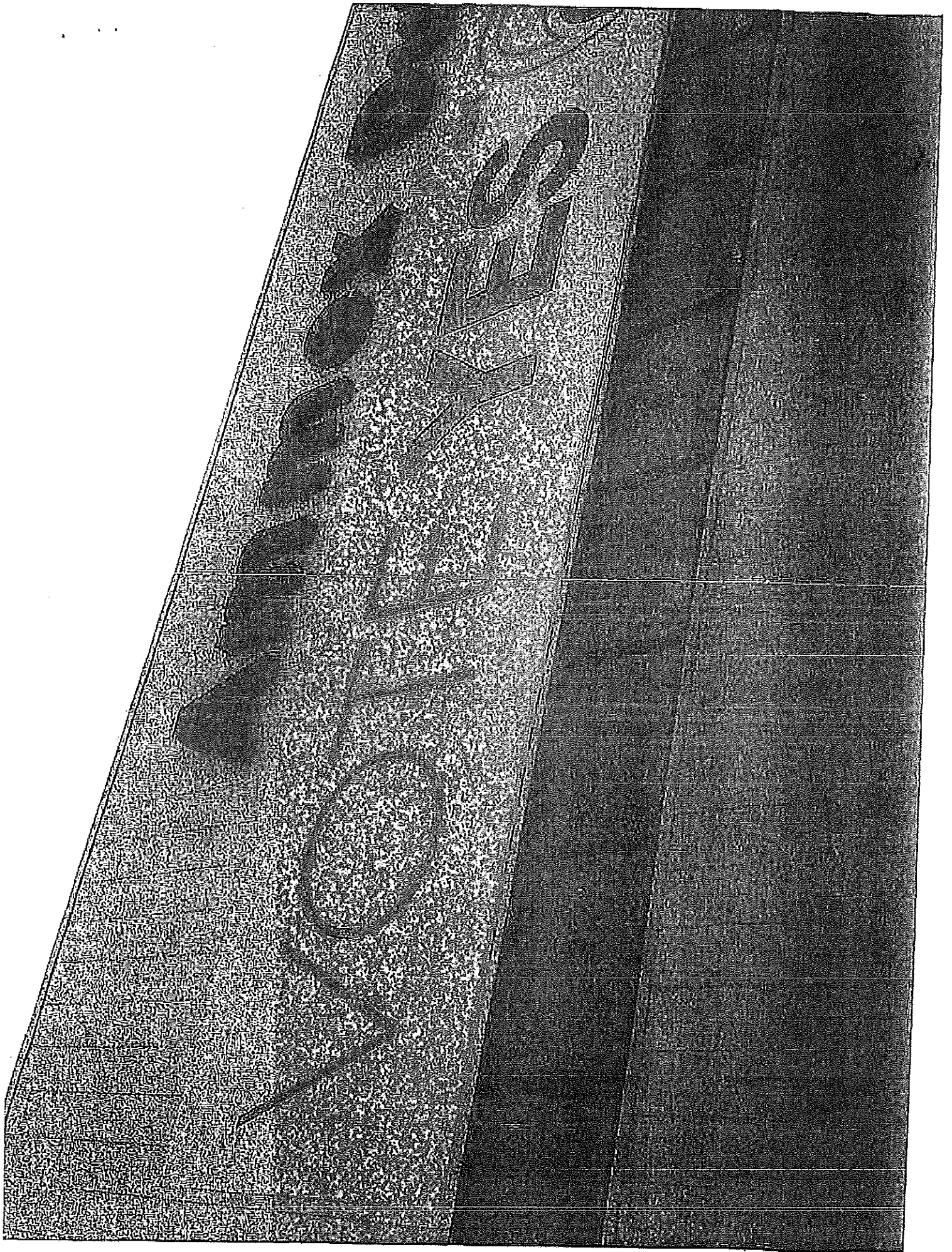


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STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

February 7, 2013

The People Should Decide
Mickey Blashfield, Director
12225 Stephens Road
Warren, Michigan 48089

Dear Mr. Blashfield:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of a complaint filed against you by Eric Dimoff, 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 certain campaign-related material. This letter concerns the disposition of Mr. Dimoff'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 Mr. Dimoff on October 11, 2012, and you filed a written response on November 6, 2012. Mr. Dimoff did not file a rebuttal statement.

Mr. Dimoff alleged that the "Vote Yes on 6" sign on the Ammex Duty Free store at the Detroit-Windsor tunnel did not include a paid-for-by statement. Mr. Dimoff provided as evidence a copy of a picture of the sign which states "VOTE YES ON 6 FOR A CHOICE ON THE BRIDGE [.]". It appears that the paid-for-by statement is omitted from the sign.

In response, you filed a letter which stated that your committee has "endeavored to comply with the letter and spirit of the" Act, and to "ensure that the disclaimer is properly displayed." You admit, however, that the disclaimer had been apparently omitted from the sign on the Amex Duty Free (Tunnel) in Detroit. You further stated that by 4pm on the same day that you received the complaint, the banner was corrected by the vendor. You provided pictures of the corrected sign.

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 you took appropriate corrective measures to bring your campaign material into compliance with the MCFA; however, the Department notes that the newly added paid-for-by statement appears to omit your committee's address.

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: Eric Dimoff