

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

April 5, 2016

Committee to Elect John Fisher David C. Lushin, Treasurer P.O. Box 1322 Portage, Michigan 49081

Dear Mr. Lushin:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Anthony Daunt against the Committee to Elect John Fisher (Committee), alleging that the Committee violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. The investigation and resolution of these complaints is governed by section 15 of the Act and the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 *et seq*. A copy of the complaint and supporting documentation is enclosed with this letter.

The MCFA requires filed campaign finance statements and reports to be complete and accurate. MCL 169.235. A treasurer who knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00. MCL 169.235(6). A treasurer who knowingly omits or underreports a contribution or expenditure may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00, or the amount of the undisclosed contribution or expenditure, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

Mr. Daunt alleges that the Committee failed to report 5 contributions on its 2016 Annual campaign statement.

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. <u>It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.</u>

If you wish to file a written response to the complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. 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. Daunt, 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 or conducting an administrative hearing.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

c: Anthony Daunt

Complaint Against:

Committee to Elect John Fisher Committee Identification No. 516716 David C. Lushin, Treasurer P.O. Box 1322 Portage, MI 49081 Telephone No. 269.327.3277

Friends of Andy Schor Committee Identification No. 515501 Brian McGrain, Treasurer 2210 Moores River Drive Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone No. 517.618.1666

Friends of Jon Hoadley Committee Identification No. 516478 Mary Harper, Treasurer 2720 Parkview Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Telephone No. 269.447.1175

Friends of Julie Plawecki Committee Identification No. 516761 Peter L. Marabeas, Treasurer 26736 Cecile Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 Telephone No. 313.730.9044

Jeremy Moss for State Representative Committee Identification No. 516409 Barry Moss, Treasurer 18405 Melrose Avenue Southfield, MI 48075 Telephone No. 248.819.1802

Sam Singh for State Representative Committee Identification No. 515524 H. Lynn Jondahl, Treasurer 1625 Ann Street East Lansing, MI 48823 Telephone No. 517.515.1075 ELECTIONS/GREAT SELF

Complainant:

Anthony Daunt PO Box 14162 Lansing, MI 48901 Telephone No. 517.618.1589

Dated: March 29, 2016

Filed Pursuant to MCL 169.215
and the Administrative Rules of the
Michigan Department of State
Legal and Regulatory Services Administration
Treasury Building, 4th Floor
430 W. Allegan
Lansing, Michigan 48918

COMPLAINT

Complainant, Anthony Daunt, whose address is PO Box 14162, Lansing, MI 48901, Telephone: 517.618.1589, declares to the Michigan Secretary of State the following:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. John Fisher is a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 61st District of the Michigan House of Representatives.
- 2. Committee to Elect John Fisher is the candidate committee for John Fisher. See Attachment 1. David Lushin is the Treasurer of Committee to elect John Fisher. See Attachment 1.
- 3. Friends of Andy Schor is the candidate committee for Andy Schor, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 68th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Brian McGrain is the Treasurer for Friends of Andy Schor.
- 4. Friends of Jon Hoadley is the candidate committee for Jon Hoadley, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 60th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Mary Harper is the Treasurer for Friends of Jon Hoadley.
- 5. Friends of Julie Plawecki is the candidate committee for Julie Plawecki, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 11th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Peter Marabeas is the Treasurer for Friends of Julie Plawecki.
- 6. Jeremy Moss for State Representative is the candidate committee for Jeremy Moss, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 35th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Barry Moss is the Treasurer for Jeremy Moss for State Representative.
- 7. Sam Singh for State Representative is the candidate committee for Sam Singh, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 69th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. H. Lynn Jondahl is the Treasurer for Sam Singh for State Representative.
- 8. Section 35 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act requires a candidate committee to file an annual campaign statement.
- 9. On or about December 22, 2015, according to its annual campaign statement, the Friends of Andy Schor reported making a \$100 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachment 2.
- 10. On or about December 29, 2015, according to its annual campaign statement, the Friends of Jon Hoadley reported making a \$100 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachment 3.

- 11. On or about December 27, 2015, according to its annual campaign statement, Friends of Julie Plawecki reported making a \$100 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachment 4.
- 12. On or about December 21, 2015, according to its annual campaign statement, Jeremy Moss for State Representative reported making a \$100 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachment 5.
- 13. On or about December 20, 2015, according to its annual campaign statement, the Sam Singh for State Representative reported making a \$100 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachment 6.
- 14. Before the signature line of each campaign statement, the following verification appears:

"I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of this statement and attached schedules (if any) and to the best of my knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and complete."

- 15. Section 35(6) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act provides that if a treasurer or other individual designated as responsible for the record keeping, report preparation, or report filing for a committee required to file an annual campaign statement knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report required by this section, that treasurer or other designated individual is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.
- 16. As indicated in Paragraphs 9-13 above, as reported by the annual campaign statements filed by Friends of Andy Schor, Friends of Jon Hoadley, Friends of Julie Plawecki, Jeremy Moss for State Representative and Sam Singh for State Representative, many contributions were allegedly made to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. See Attachments 2-6. However, the annual campaign statement filed by the Committee to Elect John Fisher failed to disclose any of these contributions in its annual campaign statement.
- 17. Consequently, either Respondent Committee to Elect John Fisher or Respondents Friends of Andy Schor, Friends of Jon Hoadley, Friends of Julie Plawecki, Jeremy Moss for State Representative and Sam Singh for State Representative have violated Section 35(6) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act by reporting contributions that did not occur, or failing to report contributions that did occur--one or all of these Respondents has filed an incomplete or inaccurate statement.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, one or all of the Respondents have violated Section 35(6) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

REQUEST FOR ACTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Accordingly, the Complainant respectfully requests that the Secretary of State immediately investigate these violations and determine that one or all of the Respondents have violated Section 35(6) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act and to assess all appropriate penalties. In addition to any penalty, the Respondents should be required to forfeit any funds received in violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 29, 2016

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

April 5, 2016

Anthony Daunt P.O. Box 14162 Lansing, Michigan 48901

Dear Mr. Daunt:

The Department of State (Department) acknowledges receipt of the complaint you filed against the candidate committees of Michigan State Representatives Andy Schor, Jon Hoadley, Julie Plawecki, Jeremy Moss, and Sam Singh (Committees) alleging a violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, 169.201 et seq. This letter concerns the disposition of your complaint against the Committees.

The MCFA requires filed campaign finance statements and reports to be complete and accurate. MCL 169.235. A treasurer who knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00. MCL 169.235(6).

You have alleged that the Committees filed incomplete or inaccurate 2016 Annual campaign statements. You have provided a portion of the 2016 Annual campaign statements for the Committees, which each show a \$100.00 contribution to the Committee to Elect John Fisher. You have not provided any evidence that these contributions were not made.

Because evidence has not been provided to support your allegation that these contributions were not made to the Committee to Elect John Fisher and that the Committees filed incomplete or inaccurate statements, the portion of your complaint against the Committees is dismissed without prejudice. The Department will maintain its file, and if you discover evidence that the Committees have violated the Act, you may submit a new signed complaint along with all available evidence.

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

April 20, 2016

Anthony Daunt P.O. Box 14162 Lansing, Michigan 48901

Dear Mr. Daunt:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against the Committee to Elect John Fisher, 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,

Lori A. Bourbonais Bureau of Elections

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Ms. Lori A. Bourbonais Bureau of Elections Michigan Department of State Richard H. Austin Building 430 West Allegan Lansing, MI 48918

Dear Ms. Bourbonais:

This letter is in response to your letter of April 5, 2016 regarding the allegation that the Committee to Elect John Fisher failed to report five contributions on its campaign statement. The allegation is not true.

The five contributions were not received until after December 31, 2015. Four of the contributions were received on January 5, 2016. The remaining contribution was received on January 9, 2016. The law is clear that the campaign statement must report contributions based on the date of receipt, not on the date which appears on the check or other correspondence.

I swear that the above statements are true.

Sincerely,

David C. Lushin,

Treasurer

Notary Public, Saint Joseph County, MI My Commission Expires 04/3/2020 Acting in Saint Joseph County, MI



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

July 7, 2016

Anthony Daunt P.O. Box 14162 Lansing, Michigan 48901

Dear Mr. Daunt:

The Department of State (Department) has concluded its investigation of the complaint you filed against the Committee to Elect John Fisher (Committee), which concerned an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq. This letter concerns the disposition of your complaint.

You filed your complaint on March 29, 2016, and David Lushin filed an answer on April 15, 2016. You did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department.

The MCFA requires filed campaign finance statements and reports to be complete and accurate. MCL 169.235. A treasurer who knowingly files an incomplete or inaccurate statement or report may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00. MCL 169.235(6). A treasurer who knowingly omits or underreports a contribution or expenditure may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00, or the amount of the undisclosed contribution or expenditure, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

You alleged that the Committee failed to report 5 contributions on its 2016 Annual campaign statement. As evidence in support of your complaint you provided printouts of pages from the Department's campaign finance website which indicated that the Friends of Andy Schor committee reported a December 22, 2015 contribution of \$100.00 to the Committee, the Friends of Jon Hoadley committee reported a December 29, 2015 contribution of \$100.00 to the Committee, the Friends of Julie Plawecki committee reported a December 27, 2015 contribution of \$100.00 to the Committee, the Jeremy Moss for State Representative committee reported a December 21, 2015 contribution of \$100.00 to the Committee, and the Sam Singh for State Representative committee reported a December 20, 2015 contribution of \$100.00 to the Committee. None of these contributions appeared on the Committee's 2016 Annual campaign statement.

In response to your complaint Mr. Lushin provided a signed sworn statement in which he asserted that he did not receive the contributions until after December 31, 2015, which was the closing date for the 2016 Annual campaign statement. Mr. Lushin further asserted that 4 of the contributions were received on January 5, 2016, and 1 contribution was received on January 9, 2016.

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The Act provides that a "contribution is considered received by a committee when it is received by the committee treasurer [.]" MCL 169.221(11). Mr. Lushin, the treasurer of the Committee, has provided a sworn statement that he did not receive the 5 contributions in question until January 5 and January 9, 2016, after the close of the time period reported on the 2016 Annual campaign statement. This explanation is satisfactory and the Department expects these transactions to appear on the next campaign statement filed by the Committee.

Because the evidence supports a reason to believe that Mr. Lushin received the contributions after the reporting period for the 2016 Annual statement, the Department has determined that he was not required to disclose those contributions until the next report, and your complaint is dismissed. However, if those contributions are not reported on the Committee's next campaign statement, you may file a new signed complaint.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Bourbonais Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

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c: David Lushin