



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

July 28, 2016

Jerry Alkema  
7564 Watermark Drive  
Allendale, Michigan 49401

Dear Mr. Alkema:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Candy Kraker 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 certain campaign material. A copy of the 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), Mich. Admin. 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).

In support of her complaint, Ms. Kraker provided a copy of a palm card which states, "JERRY ALKEMA [,] VOTE AUGUST 2 [,] RE-ELECT ALLENDALE TWP. SUPERVISOR [,]" The paid-for-by statement on the palm card appears to be incomplete. Ms. Kraker also provided a picture of a sign which states, "Vote Aug. 2 Re-Elect Jerry Alkema [,]" There does not appear to be a 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 the 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Kraker, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials

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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(6) of the Act.

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: Candy Kraker

**Campaign Finance Complaint Form  
Michigan Department of State**

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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	Daytime Telephone Number	
Candy Kraker	6016-892-4449	
Mailing Address		
7564 Watermark Dr.		
City	State	Zip
Allendale	Mi	49401

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name		
Jerry Alkema		
Mailing Address		
10657 92nd Ave.		
City	State	Zip
Allendale	Mi	49401

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

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

Explain how those sections were violated:

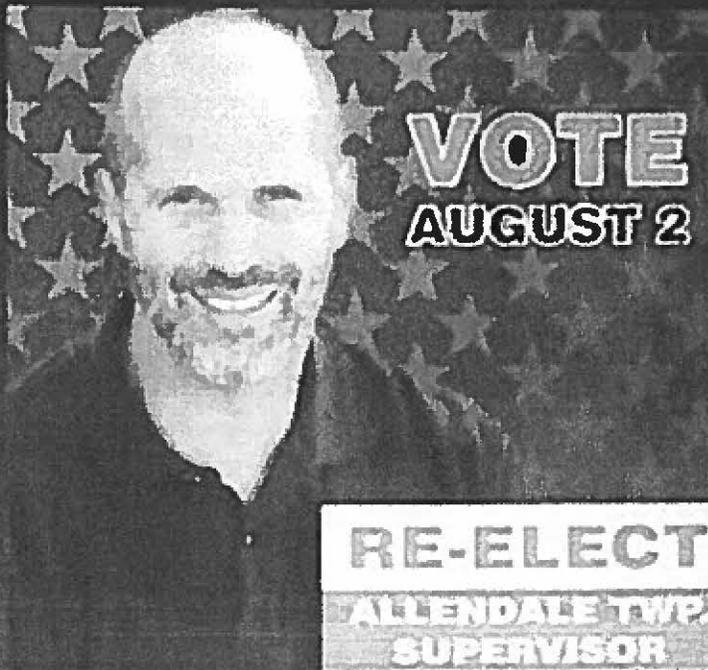
No committee or committee address used on campaign signs or printed material.

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

see copies attached



# JERRY ALKEMA



**VOTE  
AUGUST 2**

**RE-ELECT  
ALLENDALE TWP.  
SUPERVISOR**

- Family Values.
- Fiscal Conservative.
- Building the Community.
- Bringing Businesses and the Community Together.
- Active with the Community for 30 years.
- Bachelors in Business Administration from GVSU.
- Private business owner for 20 years before becoming Township Supervisor.
- Member of Rusk Church, where I serve as deacon.
- Husband to Mandi (Holstege) for 17 years
- Three children: Jack, 14; Ellery, 11; Myah; 7
- Coach for Allendale Soccer and Little League
- Member of Allendale Historical Society
- 100% self funded campaign - No Special Interest

**Paid for by Jerry Alkema**

**\*Private business owner for 20 years before  
Township Supervisor.**

**\*Member of Rusk Church, where I serve as a**

**\*Husband to Mandi (Holstege) for 17 years**

**\*Three children: Jack, 14; Ellery, 11; Myah;**

**\*Coach for Allendale Soccer and Little League**

**\*Member of Allendale Historical Society**

**\*100% self funded campaign - No Special In**

**Paid for by Jerry Alkema**

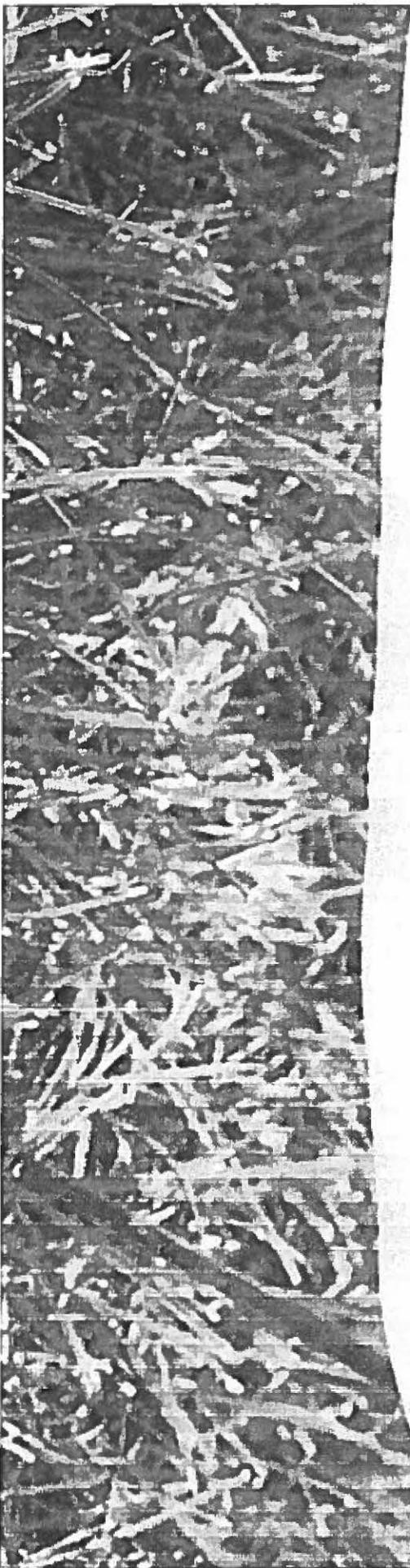
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MRS  
BARKER

FOR

SUPERVISOR



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October 17, 2016

Jerry Alkema  
7564 Watermark Drive  
Allendale, Michigan 49401

Dear Mr. Alkema:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of the complaint filed against you by Candy Kraker, 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 material. This letter concerns the disposition of Ms. Kraker'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(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.

Ms. Kraker filed her complaint on July 21, 2016. The Department gave notice of the complaint to you by letter dated July 28, 2016. That notice letter informed you that you had 15 business days to respond to the complaint. As of today, you have failed to provide any response to the Department.

Because you have failed to submit a response, the Department has no choice but to render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

Ms. Kraker alleged that you failed to include a proper paid-for-by identification statement on your campaign signs. In support of her complaint, Ms. Kraker provided a picture of a sign which stated, "Re-Elect Jerry Alkema FOR Supervisor [.]". There does not appear to be a paid-for-by statement on the sign. She also included pictures of a palm card which stated "JERRY ALKEMA[,] VOTE AUGUST 2 [,] RE-ELECT ALLENDALE TWP. SUPERVISOR [.]". The paid-for-by statement on the palm card appears to be incomplete.

While the Department believes that the evidence tends to show that your campaign material failed to contain a complete and correct paid-for-by statement, section 15(10) of the MCFA

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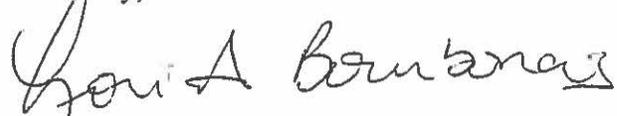
requires the Department to “endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods such as a conference, conciliation, or persuasion [.]”

The Department is 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(6), 215(10).

The Department now considers this matter closed and will take no further action against you at this time.

Sincerely,



Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Candy Kraker