



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

October 29, 2013

Richard Sollars  
22190 Hunter Circle North  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Sollars:

The Department of State (Department) received three formal complaints filed by Alex Garza, Jeff Lamarand, and Linda Parker-Craig 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-related material. Copies of the complaints are 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 their complaints, Ms. Parker-Craig and Messrs. Garza and Lamarand provided pictures of a sign and a copy of a picture of what appears to be that same sign which states "Rick Sollars for Mayor [.]", a copy of picture of a sign which states "RICK SOLLARS FOR MAYOR [.]", and a copy of a picture of a sign which states "Rick Sollars for Mayor [.]". It appears that there is no paid-for-by statement on these signs. Mr. Lamarand also provided a copy of the Itemized Expenditures Schedule 1B from your candidate committee filings.

Ms. Parker-Craig and Messrs. Garza and Lamarand also included copies of a picture of a portion of a sign, but it is not possible for the Department to ascertain a candidate name from the content of the copies.

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 these complaints, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Please send one single answer to all three complaints, and 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 complainants.

A copy of your reply will be provided to Ms. Parker-Craig and Messrs. Garza and Lamarand, 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,

  
Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Alex Garza  
Jeff Lamarand  
Linda Parker-Craig

**Michigan Department of State  
Campaign Finance Complaint 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:

<b>Section 1. Complainant</b>		
Your Name <b>Alex Garza</b>	Daytime Telephone Number <b>(313) 443-6106</b>	
Mailing Address <b>5962 JACKSON</b>		
City <b>TAYLOR</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48180</b>

<b>Section 2. Alleged Violator</b>		
Your Name <b>Richard Sollars Jr.</b>		
Mailing Address <b>22190 Hunter Circle South</b>		
City <b>TAYLOR</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48180</b>

<b>Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)</b>
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Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

**Section 47(1), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1), Section J**

Explain how those sections were violated:

**Campaign Signs do not have contact /paid for info on them**

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

**(picture included)**

**(picture included) - One picture of other signs of Mr. Sollars' that do in fact contain the disclosure Mr. Sollars is aware of Michigan law, but chooses not to follow it.**

**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

Date

**Section 5. Certification without Evidence (Supplemental to Section 4)**

Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) required 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

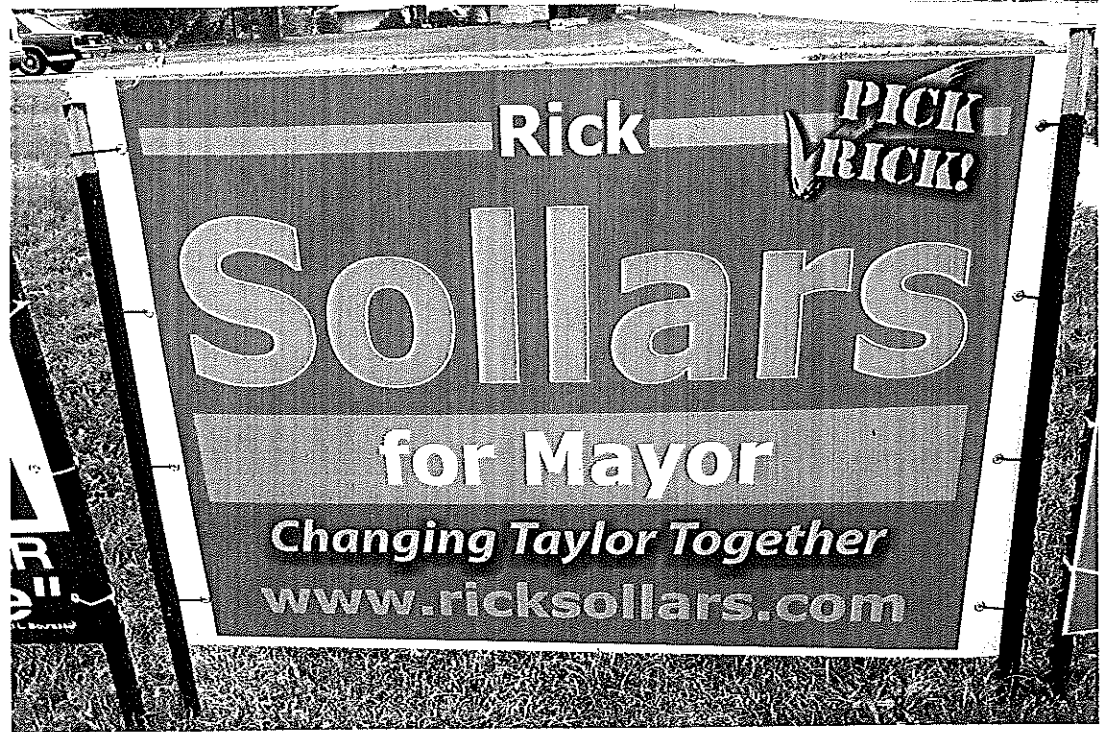
Signature of Complainant

Date

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

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Lansing, Michigan 48918



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I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Jeff Lamarand</div>	Daytime Telephone Number <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">734 552-8318</div>	
Mailing Address <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">PO Box 1972</div>		
City <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Taylor</div>	State <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">MI</div>	Zip <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">48180</div>
Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Your Name <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Richard Sollars</div>		
Mailing Address <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">22190 Hunter Circle North</div>		
City <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Taylor</div>	State <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">MI</div>	Zip <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">48180</div>
Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)		

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

Section 47(1) 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247 (1), Section J

Explain how those sections were violated:

No disclaimer on certain campaign signs

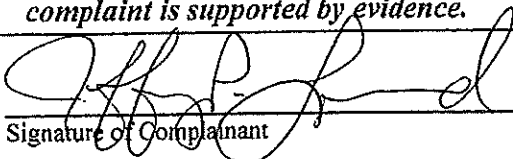
Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):

photo documentation - attached  
copy of campaign expenditure report

**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.*

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Signature of Complainant

10-17-13  
Date

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Signature of Complainant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES  
SCHEDULE 1B  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**

Expenditure Name	Address	Fund Raiser	Purpose	Date	Amount
<b>Direct</b>					
First Catholic Credit Union	9300 Cooper, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Charges	05/31/2013	\$5.00
First Catholic Credit Union	9300 Cooper, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Charges	06/30/2013	\$5.00
Gonzales, Crystal	9874 Sil St, Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement	07/12/2013	\$630.00
Gonzales, Crystal	9874 Sil St, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement	07/12/2013	\$630.00
Junior League World Series	22667 Maplelawn, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media - Billboards / Outdoor Advertising	07/18/2013	\$1000.00
Local 26M	12305 Beech Daly Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Hall Rental	07/16/2013	\$100.00
Local 26M	12305 Beech Daly Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Hall Rental	07/16/2013	\$100.00
MESSENGER PRINTING	20136 ECORSE RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180-1957	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Brochures	06/18/2013	\$190.27
MESSENGER PRINTING	20136 ECORSE RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180-1957	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Brochures	06/25/2013	\$2060.08
MESSENGER PRINTING	20136 ECORSE RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180-1957	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Brochures	07/17/2013	\$3005.10
News-Herald	1 Heritage Dr, Southgate, MI 48195	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media - Newspaper	07/16/2013	\$499.00
Pare, Rene	10615 William , Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement	07/03/2013	\$2733.56
Pare, Rene	10615 William , Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement	07/03/2013	\$2733.56
PayPal	2211 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95131	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Charges	07/11/2013	\$23.46
Phone Care	20142 Ecorse Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Office - Campaign Office Maintenance	06/06/2013	\$360.00
Pia's Ristorante	21142 Ecorse Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Food & Beverage	06/27/2013	\$1075.00
Pia's Ristorante	21142 Ecorse Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Food & Beverage	06/06/2013	\$400.00
Portofino's on River	3455 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Hall Rental	07/08/2013	\$200.00
Sawicki and Son	1521 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48216	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Yard Signs	06/30/2013	\$1160.70
Sawicki and Son	1521 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48216	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Yard Signs	07/03/2013	\$1139.60
Taylor Northwest Little League	9350 Westlake, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charitable Donation	03/01/2013	\$100.95
Wowway	P.O. Box 5715, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5715	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative - Utilities	06/18/2013	\$204.55
Wowway	P.O. Box 5715, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5715	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative - Utilities	07/12/2013	\$208.07
<b>SubTotal</b>					<b>\$15100.34</b>



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SCHEDULE 1B  
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE**

Expenditure Name	Address	Fund Raiser	Purpose	Date	Amount
<b>Direct</b>					
CC Embroidering and Silk Screening	25108 Hayes, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing Misc. (buttons, bumper stickers, t- shirts)	07/30/2013	\$530.00
Democratic Club of Taylor	23400 Wick Road, Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media - Ad in Program Books	08/14/2013	\$350.00
Gonzales, Crystal	9874 Sil St., Taylor, MI 48180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement	08/03/2013	\$2279.00
Local 26M	12305 Beech Daly Rd, Taylor, MI 48180	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Hall Rental	08/15/2013	\$250.00
MESSENGER PRINTING	20136 ECORSE RD, TAYLOR, MI 48180-1957	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing - Brochures	07/29/2013	\$2265.75
News-Herald	1 Heritage Dr, Southgate, MI 48195	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media - Newspaper	08/01/2013	\$799.00
Portofino's on River	3455 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser - Food & Beverage	07/31/2013	\$1350.00
Wowway	P.O. Box 5715, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5715	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities - Internet Access	08/12/2013	\$208.07
<b>SubTotal</b>					<b>\$8031.82</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$8031.82</b>

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Please print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name <i>LINDA PARKER-CRAIG</i>		Daytime Telephone Number <i>734-771-3771</i>
Mailing Address <i>13363 CHESTNUT LN</i>		
City <i>TAYLOR</i>	State <i>MI</i>	Zip <i>48180</i>
Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Your Name <i>RICHARD SOLLARS</i>		
Mailing Address <i>22190 HUNTER CIRCLE NORTH</i>		
City <i>TAYLOR</i>	State <i>MI</i>	Zip <i>48180</i>
Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)		

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

*SECTION 47(1), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.247(1) SECTION J*

Explain how those sections were violated:

*CAMPAIGN SIGNS DO NOT HAVE CONTACT/PAID FOR INFORMATION ON THEM*

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

*(PICTURES INCLUDED). ONE PICTURE OF OTHER SIGNS OF MR. SOLLARS THAT DO NOT IN FACT CONTAIN THE DISCLOSURE. MR. SOLLAR IS AWARE OF MICHIGAN LAW, BUT CHOOSES NOT TO FOLLOW IT.*

**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 Linda Parker-Craig OCT. 17, 2013  
Signature of Complainant Date

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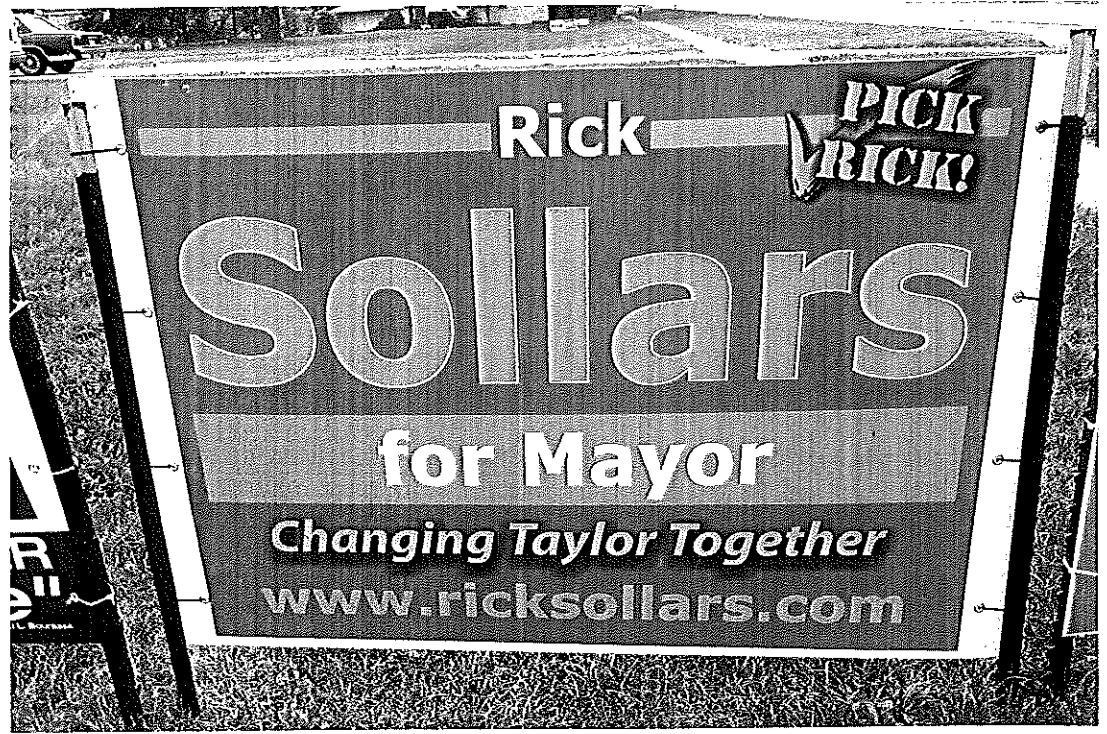
*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:*

X [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant Date

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December 11, 2013

Alex Garza  
5962 Jackson  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Jeff Lamarand  
P.O. Box 1972  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Linda Parker-Craig  
13363 Chestnut Lane  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Garza, Mr. Lamarand, and Ms. Parker-Craig:

The Department of State received a response to the complaints you filed against Richard Sollars, which concern 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. **Please file only one rebuttal statement signed by each of you.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Richard Sollars

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Lori A. Bourbonais  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State  
Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, MI 48918

Dear Ms. Bourbonais:

Thank you for your letter of October 29, 2013, advising me of the alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. It is my understanding that the complaints claim that some of my campaign signs did not identify the name and address of the person paying for the signs. These signs were printed by a well-meaning friend, Mr. Rene (Rob) Pare', who apparently neglected to include the necessary disclosure on the signs. I am attaching a statement from Mr. Pare' explaining how the printing of these 38 signs came about.

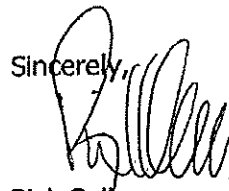
Please note that the Committee To Elect Richard Sollars purchased over 2,300 campaign signs from Sawicki and Sons in Detroit, a sign company that specializes in political materials and campaign signs. All of the 2,300 signs purchased from Sawicki and Sons and all of my campaign literature contained the required disclosure pursuant to MCL 169.247(1). Mr. Pare', who owns a small sign company, donated approximately 38 signs and, apparently, mistakenly omitted the necessary identification language. Therefore, it appears that a little over 1 % of the Sollars' campaign signs did not include the language identifying who paid for those signs. I have spoken with Mr. Pare' and he has advised me that the omission of the disclosure language was entirely accidental and was certainly not intentionally done. I did not realize that the signs printed by Mr. Pare' did not have the necessary disclosure language until I received your letter of October 29, 2013. Upon receiving your letter, I contacted Mr. Pare' and requested that he either removed the signs or print stickers to apply to the affected signs. However, by this time it was only about three days before the election. Had this omission been brought to my attention sooner, I would have taken action sooner. None of the complainants notified me prior to notifying your office.

I hope this adequately responds to your questions. However, should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the following address:

Richard Sollars, Jr.  
22190 Hunter Circle, North  
Taylor, MI 48180

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rick Sollars

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Taylor, MI 48180



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11/8/13

To Whom It May Concern,

I attended an open house at the Rick Sollars for Mayor Headquarters in September 2013 and heard that the Committee To Elect Richard Sollars had ordered over 2,000 lawn signs from a sign company in Detroit by the name of Sawicki and Sons. I also learned that the Sollars campaign was in need of some larger signs and a banner. Since I have my own sign company, MI Custom Signs, I knew I could print the larger signs and banner fairly quickly and I decided to do so and to donate the signs to the Sollars' campaign. My company very rarely makes political signs and when making up and printing the signs, I inadvertently omitted the language at the bottom of the signs regarding who had paid for the signs.

My sign company printed a total of 38 signs for the Sollars campaign, 30 that were 40" x 54" and 8 signs that were 60" x 14". I also printed one banner that was 14 inches x 8ft that I placed in front of my shop at 20109 Northline Road in Taylor.

At the same time I was printing signs for the Sollars' campaign, I also printed up 12 large signs for Cindy Bower, the City Clerk who was running for re-election. Like with the Sollars' signs, I omitted the language showing who had paid for the 12 Bower campaign signs.

I apologize for this oversight and I can assure you that it was inadvertent and unintentional. If I print up any campaign signs again in the future, I will make certain that they contain the required language.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rene R. Pare', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rene R. Pare  
President  
MI Enterprises, LLC  
734-486-9591 cell  
[rpare@micustomsigns.com](mailto:rpare@micustomsigns.com)

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February 14, 2014

Richard Sollars, Jr.  
22190 Hunter Circle, North  
Taylor, MI 48180

Dear Mr. Sollars:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its investigation of complaints filed against you by Alex Garza, Jeff Lamarand, and Linda Parker-Craig 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. Garza's, Mr. Lamarand's, and Ms. Parker-Craig's complaints.

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 complaints were filed by Mr. Garza, Mr. Lamarand, and Ms. Parker-Craig on October 18, 2013, and you filed a written response on November 20, 2013. None of the complainants filed a rebuttal statement.

Mr. Garza, Mr. Lamarand, and Ms. Parker-Craig alleged that your campaign signs did not contain complete and correct paid-for-by statements. In support of their complaints, Mr. Garza, Mr. Lamarand, and Ms. Parker-Craig provided pictures of a sign and a copy of a picture of what appears to be that same sign which states "Rick Sollars for Mayor [.]" a copy of a picture of a sign which states "RICK SOLLARS FOR MAYOR [.]" and a copy of a picture of a sign which states "Rick Sollars for Mayor." It appears that there is no paid-for-by statement on these signs. Mr. Lamarand also provided a copy of the Itemized Expenditures Schedule 1B from your candidate committee filings.

Mr. Garza, Mr. Lamarand, and Ms. Parker-Craig also included copies of a picture of a portion of sign, but it was not possible for the Department to ascertain a candidate name from the content of the copies.

In response, you filed a letter which explained that a small portion of your campaign signs were printed by Rob Pare'. You further stated that you "did not realize that the signs printed by Mr. Pare' did not have the necessary disclosure language." You also stated that you "contacted Mr. Pare' and requested that he either [remove] the signs or print stickers to apply to the affected signs," and that his omission "was entirely accidental [.]". You also provided a letter from Mr. Pare' explaining his mistake.

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 once you were aware of the potential violation.

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,



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