

This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), the Candidate for Office Financial Disclosure Act, or the Public Officers Financial Disclosure Act (financial disclosure acts). Electronic submission of the form to BOFRegulatory@michigan.gov is strongly recommended. For instructions on how to complete this form, see the Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Complaint. Guidebook document. All spaces are required unless otherwise indicated.

Section 1. Complainant	
Bruce Fealle	Daytime telephone number 248 926 3633
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Rochester Hills State	1I 48309
Email (recommended) Les /k@ gma:1.	Com
Section 2. Alleged Violator (Respondent)	
Name Andrew Wegl	por
Mailing address 2460 Hessel Ave	
Rochester Hills MI	Zip 48309
Email (recommended) Vote 49ndrau. netto	gma, 1. com
Committee ID (optional) 98/05	
Please include email addresses to expedite proc	essing time and mitigate mail delays.
Section 3. Allegations (use additional sheets if mo	ore space is needed)
allege a violation of the following:	
☐ MCFA ☐ Public officer disclosure	
Public officer disclosure Candidate disclosure	

Identify the section(s) of the MCFA or relevant financial disclosure act section(s) alleged to be violated and explain how the section(s) were violated:

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Signature of complainant







Shelley Lauzon for RCS Board of Education 3h . 3

Here is an upcoming chance to meet the 4 of us at one location! Come on up, have some appetizers on us and enjoy the music! Facebook event coming soon.

Nesreen Sabbagh for RCS Kids Johnathon Sesi for RCS Board Trustee **Trustee Andrew Weaver**



Trustee Andrew Weaver and 26 others

Most relevant



Pachal Farhadean Raker



Comment as Bruce Fealk

Street, Lansing Michigar 48933'	the name of the payer. Include paid for "with regulated funds" only if the group's registration is pending pending The payer. Lansing, Michigan, 48933" (The address can be substituted by a phone number or other contact information.)
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NO: Because the communication does not meet all of the requirements, no identifier/disclaimer is required.

Other Points to Consider

- Electronic media such as web sites, Facebook, Twitter, etc. are not specifically exempt from the requirements of <u>Section 47</u>.
- Email communications are not paid political advertisements and are therefore are not covered under <u>Section 47</u>.
- An individual other than a candidate is not subject to the identification requirement provision as it relates to **printed** matter only if the individual is acting independently and not acting as an agent for a candidate or any committee.
- The identification or disclaimer on printed matter must be in a place and in a print clearly visible to and readable by an observer.
- A ballot question petition and a recall petition must bear the identification statement. A candidate petition is exempt from this requirement. However, the detachable portion of a candidate petition must bear the identification statement.
 - Committees participating in a joint fund raiser must include the appropriate identifier and the names and addresses of all of the committees participating in the joint fundraiser.
- A committee that has filed an amendment to its Statement of Organization to show a change of committee address is not required to note the change of address on printed matter it





STATE OF MICHIGAN JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

August 12, 2024

Andrew Weaver 2460 Hessel Ave. Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Re: Fealk v. Weaver

Campaign Finance Complaint No. 24-136

Dear Andrew Weaver:

The Department of State (Department) has received a formal complaint alleging you have violated MCL 169.247 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA) by failing to include an identification statement on your flyer. A copy of the flyer was included with the complaint; a copy of the complaint is enclosed.

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).

Upon review, the evidence submitted supports the conclusion that a potential violation of the Act has occurred. From the outset, the Department must consider whether the materials fall within the ambit of the MCFA. Because the materials explicitly advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate, or for the passage or defeat of a ballot proposal, the materials contain express advocacy as defined by the Act. MCL 169.206(2)(j). As explained above, such materials must contain a "paid for by" statement listing the name and address of the committee purchasing the materials. However, the evidence shows that the materials at issue here omit part or all of that required statement. That absence supports the conclusion that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred.

After reaching this conclusion, the Act 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*.

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Given this, the Department concludes that a formal warning is a sufficient resolution to the complaint and 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 referencing you or your candidacy produced in the future must include this identification statement. For all materials currently in circulation, the paid for by statement must be corrected. If this information has been included in your materials and you wish to rebut the Department's conclusion, you must respond in writing to the Department to BOERegulatory@Michigan.gov within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Otherwise, the Department will treat the complaint as resolved.

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).

Sincerely,

Regulatory Section
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

Enclosure c: Bruce Fealk