



# Michigan Department of State Campaign Finance Complaint Form

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This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA). For instructions on how to complete this form, see the Campaign Finance Complaint Guidebook & Procedures document. All spaces are required unless otherwise indicated.

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name <b>MARK SALOGAR</b>		Daytime Telephone Number <b>517- 375- 3457</b>
Mailing Address <b>285 N. DIETZ RD.</b>		
City <b>WEBBERVILLE</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48892</b>
Email (optional) <b>mark.salogar@gmail.com</b>		

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <b>John Stolz</b>		
Mailing Address <b>1774 CROCUS TRL.</b>		
City <b>DANSVILLE</b>	State <b>MI</b>	Zip <b>48819</b>
Email (optional)		

### Section 3. Allegations (Use additional sheets if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA alleged to be violated: **MCL 169.247**

Explain how those sections were violated:

**Signage contains no "paid for by..." or**  
**contact information for the committee.**

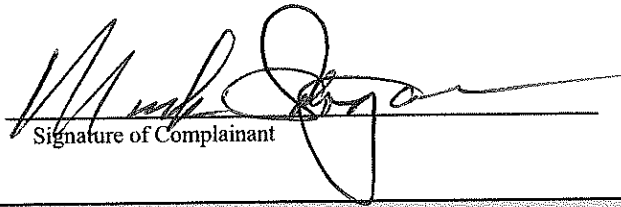
Evidence included with the submission of the complaint that supports the allegations:

**Photos are included. #1 photo is a current sign**  
**posted on M-36. Photos #2-5 were signs John posted**  
**during his 2020 run for election. Also, these were taken**  
**from his FBook account titled: John Stolz- Dansville School Board Member.**

#### 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

8-31-22  
Date

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

If, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence as indicated above, you may 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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X

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Signature of Complainant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 and some, or all, of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

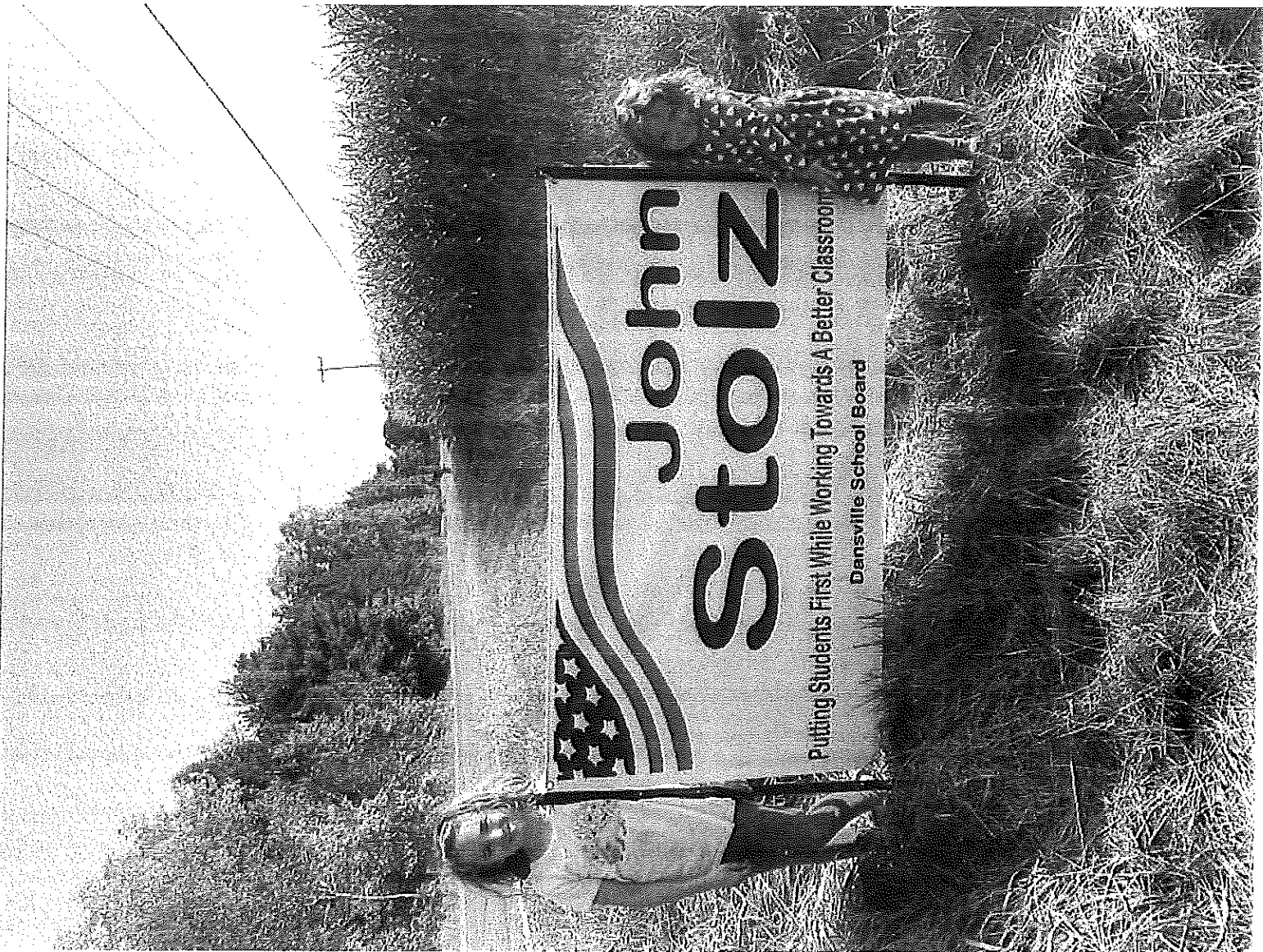
#### Section 6. Submission

Once completed, mail or hand deliver the complaint form with your evidence to the address below. The complaint is considered filed upon receipt by the Bureau of Elections.

Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of Elections  
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor  
430 West Allegan Street

#1  
M-30  
2022











**John  
Stolz**

**School Board**







MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

ORIGINAL OR AMENDED  
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEES FILED WITH A COUNTY CLERK  
Information on this form is made public.

1. Committee ID #:	2. Type of Filing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Items:	Eff. Date: 10-26-20
3. Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name): John Stolz For Oansville School Board		
4a. Candidate Full Name: Last Name Stolz	First Name John	M.I. M
4b. Political Party (if applicable):	4c. County of Residence: Ingham	
4d. Office Sought: Oansville School Board	4e. District or Jurisdiction: Oansville	
5. Date Committee was Formed: 10-26-20		
6a. Committee Phone: 517-819-1210	6b. Committee Fax #:	
6c. Committee Email Address: stolz4oansville@gmail.com	6d. Committee Website Address:	
7a. Complete Committee Mailing Address (May be PO Box): 1774 E. Dexter Trail Oansville MI 48819		
7b. Complete Committee Street Address (May not be PO Box): 1774 E. Dexter Trail Oansville MI 48819		
8. Treasurer Name and Complete Residential Address: Stolz, John, M 1774 E. Dexter Trail Oansville, MI 48819 Phone #: 517-819-1210 Email Address: stolz4oansville@gmail.com		
9. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address: Phone #: Email Address:		
10. REPORTING WAIVER REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, I/We WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee does not expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election, the committee does not owe detailed campaign statements. I/We further understand that the Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000.00 threshold and all required campaign statements must be filed. A Reporting Waiver does not exempt a committee from filing Late Contribution Reports. <input type="checkbox"/> NO, I/We DO NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR THE REPORTING WAIVER. The committee expects to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I/We understand that the committee owes detailed campaign statements even if the committee does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 in an election. I further understand that the Reporting Waiver cannot be requested retroactively to avoid filing requirements and to avoid paying late filing fees. Further information regarding Reporting Waivers can be found in Appendix C of the Committee Manual.		
11. Name and Address of Depositories or Intended Depositories of committee funds. (Michigan Bank, Credit Union or Savings & Loan Association) While this item must be completed, an account does not have to be opened until the first contribution is received. Official Depository (name and address): Dart Bank 3608 S. Park Street Mason, MI 48854 Secondary Depository (name and address):		
12. Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above statement and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. If filing campaign statements electronically, we further agree that the signatures below shall serve as the signatures that verify the accuracy and completeness of each statement filed electronically by the committee. I/We certify that all reasonable diligence will be used in the preparation of each statement electronically filed by this committee and that the contents of each statement will be true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. (Sign Name and Date)		
Candidate: [Signature]	Date: 11-1-20	Current Treasurer: [Signature] Date:
Designated Record Keeper (if Applicable):		Date:

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JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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September 15, 2022

John Stolz  
1774 Crocus Trail  
Dansville, MI 48819

Re: *Salogar v. Stolz*  
Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2022 – 9 – 93 – 47

Dear Mr. Stolz:

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 an identification statement on campaign yard signs. Pictures of the signs were 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.*

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 at the address below or [BOERegulatory@michigan.gov](mailto: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: Mark Salogar