

## Campaign Finance Complaint Form Michigan Department of State

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 <u>Eric Rothoff</u>	Daytime Telephone Number <u>231-828-4310</u>	
Mailing Address <u>2541 E Raymond RD</u>		
City <u>Twin Lake</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip <u>49457</u>

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name <u>Concerned Citizens of Holton Township</u>		
Mailing Address <u>P.O. Box 86</u>		
City <u>Twin Lake</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip <u>49457</u>

Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)
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Section(s) of the MCFA violated:  
MCL 196.236 Sec 36(2), MCL 169.224 sec 24(1), MCL 169.247 Sec 47(1)  
Explain how those sections were violated: MCL 169.247 Sec 47(6) MCL 169.203.(4)  
Malinda Reese Pego, sent mailers and printed signs  
under the name "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township"  
without registering it with the state or county.

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

PDF with pictures of mailing, signs and  
proof from Malinda's Facebook page. PDF of  
original petitions for referendum.

**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

5-28-2019

Date

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

**Section 15(6) of the MCFA (MCL 169.215) requires 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

**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.**

Mail or deliver the completed complaint form with an **original signature and evidence** to the following address:

Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of Elections  
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Dear Sirs,

I want to first show the petitions for the Holton Zoning Referendum. As you can see, the petitions are not filled out correctly. I did not get the petitions until after the challenge deadline, but the petitions show who was behind the Holton Zoning Referendum: Malinda Reese Pego, 6230 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Holton, MI 4942. You can also see the picture that she has on her facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10214443464585557&set=ecnf.1387311502&type=3&theater> which looks to be the proof of either the mailer, or the sign. (The one side is identical.)



I don't know if it is just an improper identification statement as required by Section 47 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), forging a PAC, or both. But the first offense I would like to report occurred on a mailing of postcards by the "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township", at P.O. Box 86, Twin Lake, MI, 49457. As you can see from the Facebook posts, they were being received about May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. There is no PAC registered in Lansing or Muskegon County with that name. The Mailing entity is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1604351069581768/>

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Angel Coon

May 5 at 5:29 AM

Wow. Way to spread lies. I guess we are ignoring science here. Study after study after study shows that there are no short or long term "effects". Having smoked marijuana does not disqualify young people from serving in the military they just have to sleep before they enlist. How do I know? I served. Proceeds ABSOLUTELY DO go to Holton township. And even if people do use it too much recreationally, that's their right! We are a recreational legal state! Just like people can go drink as much as they want. The difference? Alcohol abuse can and will kill you. And we still have ZERO deaths contributed to marijuana.

PS nice twin lake post office box.

#voteyes

44 25

95 Comments 1 Share

Like

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Wayne Buckner "effects" nicely put people

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Angel Coon Growing Holton considering it's been made clear by town members on both sides of the issue but we have already collected 56% in reverse DIRECTLY to the township - ya blatant lies.

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Growing Holton Well. I just verified with both the State of Michigan and Muskegon County, no such pact, "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township" exist. When was this postcard received?

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Angel Coon Growing Holton they started showing up yesterday

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Kim Stover Glaze They act like this is a vote to make it legal. That boat sailed along time ago. Medical has been legal for years. Completely out of touch and misinformed. Some people's children. LOL

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Bryan Kushni 0 deaths contributed from marijuana huh? Tell that to the family's of people that lost loved ones due to a impaired driver.

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Angel Coon Bryan Kushni that isn't from marijuana that is from an individual's poor choice. Should we close the bar too? Should we go gunn here in Holton?

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**VOTE NO TUES**

**NO "MEDICAL"  
MARIJUANA  
NO DRUG DEPENDENCY**

PAID FOR BY CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HOLTON TOWNSHIP PO BOX 86 TWIN LAKE MI 49457

**GET THE FACTS:**

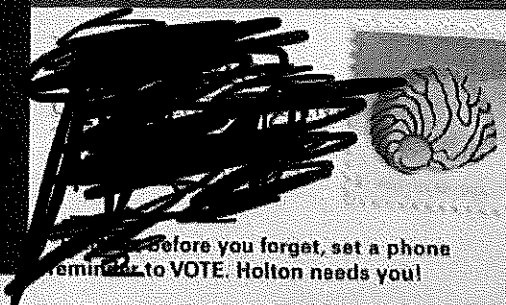
- Causes short-term and long-term effects allegedly research ongoing
- Federally illegal, disqualifies young people from military
- Proceeds absolutely **DO NOT** go to Holton Twp.
- Often abused for recreation

More info: [DrugFreeWorld.com](http://DrugFreeWorld.com)

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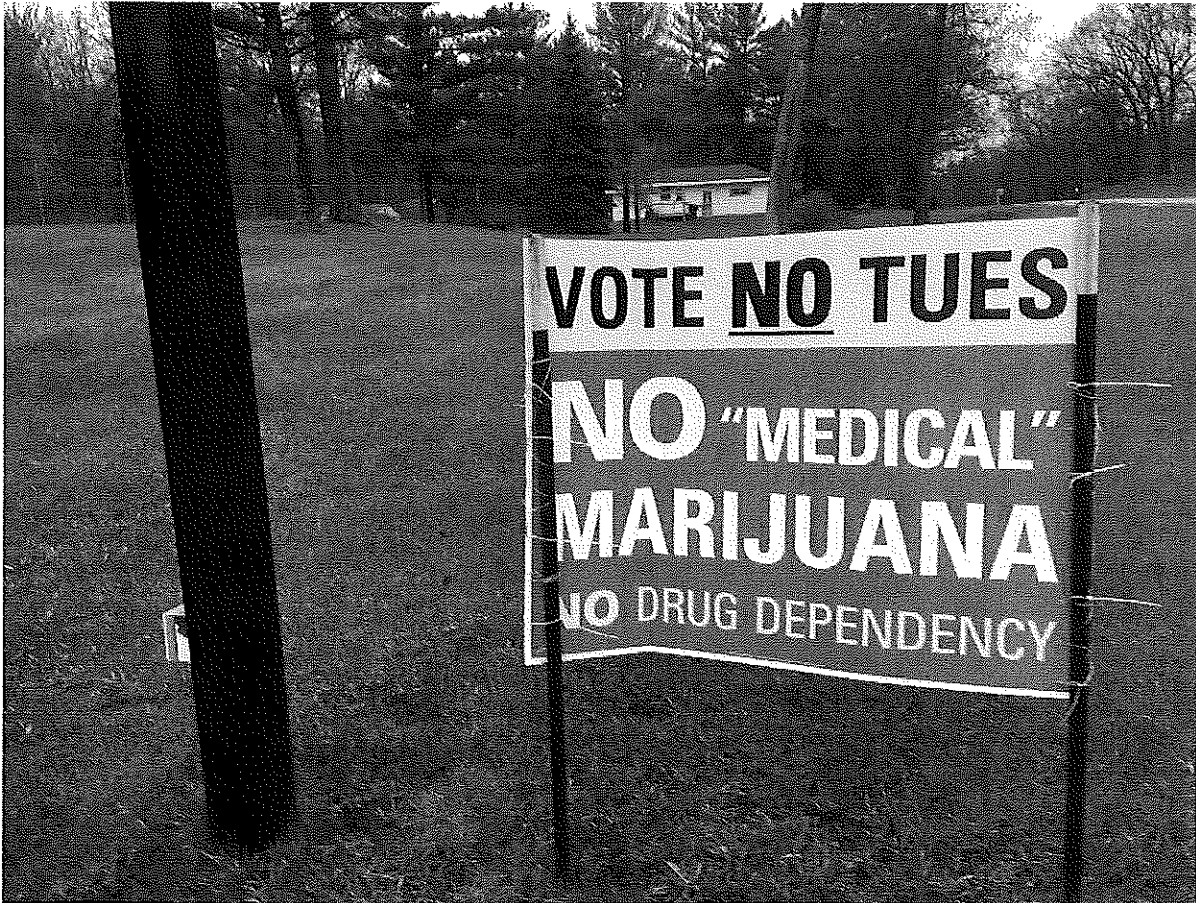
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PO BOX 86, TWIN LAKE, MI 49457



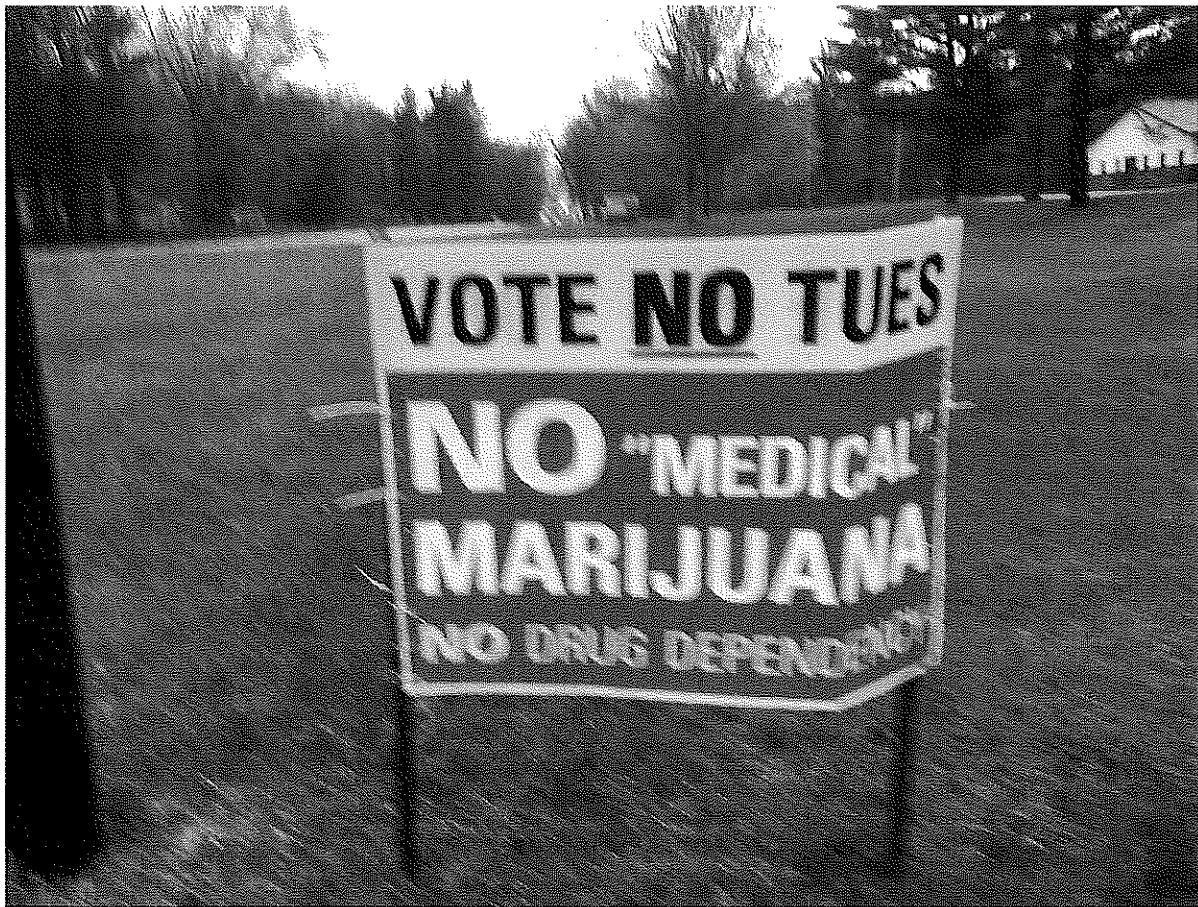
Before you forget, set a phone reminder to VOTE. Holton needs you!



And the second offense was the printing and distributing of at least 15 signs and two sizes were printed and put out by Malinda Reese Pego. I am still looking for better pictures, testimony, or an old sign to verify if there was no identification or if the Fake PAC was used, but either case the identification was not correct on the signs.







We have been having problems with local campaigns not identifying their campaign signs, but this is the first time where a person made a fake PAC and worked under it.

**PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE  
FOR ZONING REFERENDUM PETITION**

Shall the Township of Holton amend the Zoning Ordinance at Article 7, Section 7.06, which governs special use permits in the Agriculture A-1 zoning district, and Article 9, Section 9.0, which governs special use permits in the Commercial C-1 zoning district, to allow medical marihuana facilities as special uses in those districts?

☐ Yes

☐ No





P.O. BOX 328 6511 HOLTON WHITEHALL ROAD  
HOLTON, MICHIGAN 49425

PH. (231) 821-2168

FAX: (231) 821-2293

Sarah Hippler, Clerk  
Holton Township  
6511 Holton Whitehall Road  
Holton, MI 49425

To whom it may concern,

I have received circulated petitions from Ms. Malinda Pego on November 13, 2018. I have accepted the petitions and will review the signatures for validity. I have also informed Ms. Pego that I am waiting for legal guidance regarding the procedures regarding the petition process and the dates of submission of all pertinent documents relating to her petition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (231) 821-2168 or email [holtonclerk@holtontownship.com](mailto:holtonclerk@holtontownship.com).

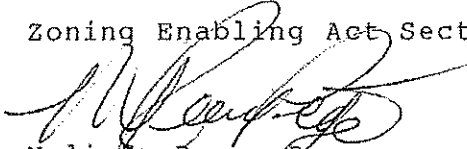
Sincerely,

Sarah Hippler, Clerk  
Holton Township

Thursday October 18, 2018

I, Malinda Reese Pego of 6230 3rd St. Holton MI 49425 would like to file this Notice Of Intent To Petition the adoption of approved changes by the Holton Township Board to the Zoning Ordinance on September 11, 2018 as republished on October 14, 2018.

Approved changes being petitioned are including Section 7.06 number 5 add Medical Marijuana Facilities to Article 7 Agricultural A-1 Districts and Section 9.02 number 16 add Medical Marijuana Facilities to Article 9 Commercial C-1 District. I intend to provide a petition accordance to 110th Michigan Zoning Enabling Act Section 402.



Malinda Reese Pego  
Resident  
6230 3rd St.  
Holton MI 49425

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FAX: (231) 821-2293

Sarah Hippler, Clerk  
Holton Township  
6511 Holton Whitehall Road  
Holton, MI 49425

To whom it may concern,

I have received a petition letter from Ms. Pego on October 17, 2018 petitioning the amendments to the Holton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding medical marijuana facilities. I approved the verbiage of her petition on October 22, 2018. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (231) 821-2168 or email [holtonclerk@holtontownship.com](mailto:holtonclerk@holtontownship.com)

Sarah Hippler, Clerk  
Holton Township

October 2, 2018

I Malinda Lynn Pego of 6230 3rd St.  
Holt MI 48425 would like to file  
this Notice of Intent to Petition for  
rejection of approval of changes  
by the Holt Township Board to the  
Zoning Ordinance on September 11, 2018.

Approved changes being petitioned  
are including Section 7.06 #5 add  
Medical Marijuana facilities to the  
Article 7 Agriculture A-1 districts,  
and incorrectly published Section  
9.02 B #10 (supposed to be #16) add  
Medical Marijuana facilities to  
Article 9 Commercial C-1 districts

I intend to provide a Petition  
Accordance to 110<sup>th</sup> Michigan  
Zoning Enabling Act Section  
402 and 403.

Malinda Lynn Pego  
Resident  
6230 3rd St  
Holt MI 48425

Received  
10.2.18  
Sarah Hipp

October 2, 2018

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Malinda Lynn Reese Pego  
Resident  
6230 3rd St  
Holton MI 49425

Received  
10.2.18

Sarah Hippler  
6511 Holton Whitehall Road  
Holton, MI 49425

To Whom it May Concern:

I have received a petition from Ms. Pego on October 2, 2018 petitioning the amendments to the Holton Zoning ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana facilities. I have approved the verbiage of her petition on October 2, 2018 as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Hippler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sarah Hippler

Holton Township Clerk

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors,  
residents in the Township of Holton in the County of Muskegon,  
State of Michigan, respectively petition for:

In accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of  
2006 Article IV Section 125.3402 to allow for a special election  
or a general election to determine the approval or rejection of  
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## COUNTY/LOCAL PROPOSAL PETITION

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☐ City  
☐ Township  
☐ Village of

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Special Use Permits in the respective zoning districts.

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING		
				Month	Day	Year
1. Duane A. Drake	Duane A. Drake	8711 Ward St.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
2. Amy J. Stoll	Amy J. Stoll	8670 Ward St.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
3. Matthew T. Stoll	Matthew T. Stoll	8670 Ward St.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
4. Linda Younts	Linda Younts	6340 Third St.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
5. ERBA Younts	ERBA Younts	6340 THIRD ST	49425	10	24	18 ✓
6. Robert A. Busch	Robert A. Busch	6360 Third St.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
7. Theodora Snyder	Theodora Snyder	9189 Maple Is. Rd.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
8. Berilyn J. Hoft	Berilyn J. Hoft	8562 Holton Duck Lake Rd.	49425	10	24	18 ✓
9. Tracy Patino	Tracy Patino	7338 Oak Meadow Dr. Twin Lake	49457	10	25	18 ✓
10. Suzanne Drankhan	Suzanne Drankhan	7394 Oak Meadow Dr. Twin Lake	49457	10	25	18 ✓
11. Rosa Johnson	Rosa Johnson	3541 Sunrise Rdg. Twin Lake	49457	10	25	18 ✓
12. Daniel W. Sikarskie	Daniel W. Sikarskie	7039 Oak Shore Dr. Twin Lake	49457	10	25	18 ✓

## CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township listed in the heading of the petition, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

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CIRCULATOR — DO NOT SIGN OR DATE  
CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

(Signature of Circulator) M. Reese (Date) 11.12.2018  
 (Printed Name of Circulator) MARIONA REESE REESE  
 (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - [Do not enter a post office box]  
6230 3RD ST  
HOLTON (TOWNSHIP) MI 49425  
 (City or Township, State, Zip Code)

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1. Sarah Hippler	Sarah Hippler	9260 Holton Duck Lake Road	49425	10	22	18
2. Angela Slowik	Angela Slowik	10399 Holton Duck Lake Road	49425	10	22	18
3. Julie Vanderboegh	Julie Vanderboegh	6640 Marvin Rd.	49425	10	22	18
4. Deborah Normandin	Deborah Normandin	8337 Holton Duck Lake Rd Holton	49425	10	22	18
5. Geraldine Dyer	Geraldine Dyer	6300 3rd St. Holton	49425	10	22	18
6. FRED DYER	FRED DYER	6300 3RD ST Holton	49425	10	22	18
7. David R Eling	DAVID R ELING	6280 3rd St Holton	49425	10	22	18
8. Sherry Y Eling	Sherry Y Eling	6280 3rd St Holton	49425	10	22	18
9. Daniel R Eling	Daniel R Eling	6020 Holton-Whitehall	49425	10	22	18
10. DEBORAH BOWNE	DEBORAH BOWNE	6316 Holton 3rd St.	49425	10	24	18
11. Carol Burch Ren	Carol Burch Ren	6325 3rd St	49425	10	24	18
12. Marianne M. Drake	Marianne M. Drake	6471 Holton Whitehall Rd	49425	10	24	18

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Marianne M. Drake 11/12/2018  
(Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
MARIANNE M. DRAKE  
(Printed Name of Circulator)  
6230 3RD ST  
(Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - (Do not enter a post office box)  
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CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.**

(Signature of Circulator) *M. Reese Pego* (Date) 11/12/2018  
 (Printed Name of Circulator) MICHELLE REESE PEGO  
 (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - (Do not enter a post office box) 1230 3RD ST  
 (City or Township, State, Zip Code) HOLTON (TOWNSHIP) MI 49425  
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## COUNTY/LOCAL PROPOSAL PETITION

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Holton



in the County of

Muskegon

State of Michigan, respectively petition for:

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	John Normandin	8337 Holton Duck Lake Rd.	49425	10	23	18 ✓
	WINONA P. EVANSKI	7717 Schow Rd	49425	11	5	18 ✓
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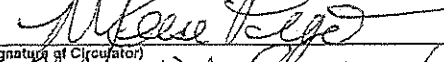
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 11/22/2018  
 (Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
 MELISSA PEGO  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 4230 3RD ST  
 (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) (Do not enter a post office box)  
 HOLTON (TOWNSHIP) MI 49425  
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## CIRCULATOR — DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

M. Keeney 11/2/2018  
 (Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
MARINA REESE PEGO  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
6230 3RD ST  
 (Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - (Do not enter a post office box)  
HOGAN TOWNSHIP MI 49425  
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1.	Cynthia S. Sikarskie	Cynthia S. Sikarskie	7039 Oak Shore Dr, Twin Lake	49457	10	25	18
2.	Gary L. Winkler	GARY L. WINKLER	10047 Holton Park Ln RD	49425	10	25	18
3.	Erich J. Hoeft	Erich J. Hoeft	8562 Holton Duck Lake Road Holton	49425	10	25	18
4.	Stacy Wright	Stacy Wright	6340 Third Street Holton	49425	10	25	18
5.	Andrea Fieck	Andrea Fieck	7742 E. Lake Rd Twin Lake	49457	11	12	18
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(Signature of Circulator) MALINDA REESE PEGO (Date) 11/12/2018  
 (Printed Name of Circulator) MALINDA REESE PEGO  
 (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - (Do not enter a post office box) 6230 3RD ST  
 (City or Township, State, Zip Code) HOLTON (TOWNSHIP) MI 49425  
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1.	<i>Renee L. Andersen</i>	KENEE LYNN ANDERSEN	7759 HART Rd. HOLTON, MI	49425	11	5	18
2.	<i>Gary L. Andersen</i>	GARY L. ANDERSEN	7759 Hart Rd. Holtan	49425	11	5	18
3.	<i>Terence L. Andersen</i>	Terence L. Andersen	7759 Hart Rd. Holtan	49425	11	5	18
4.	<i>Gerald A. Stitt</i>	RONALD A. STITT	5955 BRUNSWICK RD	49425	11	5	18
5.	<i>Pauline Stitt</i>	Pauline Stitt	5955 BRUNSWICK Rd	49425	11	5	18
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*Naldemar J. Jensen II* 11/12/2018  
 (Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
 Naldemar J. Jensen II  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 8076 Holtan Rd.  
 (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - [Do not enter a post office box]  
 Holtan (Township), Michigan 49425  
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1. <i>Valdemar J. Jensen II</i>	Valdemar J. Jensen II	8076 HOLTON RD	49425	10	24	2018 ✓
2. <i>Monica Pearson</i>	Monica Pearson	8116 Holton Rd	49425	10	26	2018 ✓
3. <i>Debra Pearson</i>	Debra Pearson	8116 Holton Rd	49425	10	26	2018 ✓
4. <i>Forrest Burns</i>	Forrest Burns	9345 Holton Duck Lake Rd	49425	10	29	2018 ✓
5. <i>Melanie Johnson</i>	Melanie Johnson	5574 Holton Whitehall Rd	49425	10	31	2018 ✓
6. <i>David Johnson</i>	David Johnson	5574 Holton Whitehall Rd	49425	10	31	2018 ✓
7. <i>Michael Cygeirt</i>	Michael Cygeirt	8926 Holton Duck Lake Rd.	49425	10	31	2018 ✓
8. <i>Rick Hawkins</i>	Rick Hawkins	7807 HOLTON RD	49425	10	31	2018 ✓
9. <i>Lori Stitt</i>	Lori Stitt	7823 Hart Rd. Holton, MI 49425	49425	11	5	2018 ✓
10. <i>Robert J. Stitt</i>	Robert J. Stitt	7823 HART RD HOLTON MI 49425	49425	11	5	2018 ✓
11. <i>Karen D. Czinder</i>	KAREN D. CZINDER	7803 HART RD. HOLTON MI 49425	49425	11	5	2018 ✓
12. <i>MARTIN L. CZINDER</i>	MARTIN L. CZINDER	7803 HART RD. HOLTON MI 49425	49425	11	5	2018 ✓

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*Valdemar J. Jensen II* 11 / 12 / 2018  
 (Signature of Circulator) (Date)  
*Valdemar J. Jensen II*  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 8076 HOLTON RD  
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1.	Jennifer Humphrey	3439 Lakewood Dr.	49457	10	23	18
2.	Joyce M. Greiner	8375 Holton Road	49425	10	23	18
3.	DANE J. DEVLING	8275 N. Holton Rd	49425	10	23	18
4.	Don A. Schmidt	7901 Holton Rd	49425	10	23	18
5.	Bonnie M. Schmidt	7901 Holton Rd	49425	10	23	18
6.	MARILYN M. GRAFF	7325 Holton Rd	49425	10	23	18
7.	Nancy Platt	11723 Schow Rd	49425	10	23	18
8.	Jerome J. Unger	9000 Holton Rd	49425	10	23	18
9.	Ricky Ruff Jr	8821 Holton Rd.	49425	10	23	18
10.	Ron Mc Castle	8965 Holton Rd	49425	10	25	18
11.	Doris E. Mc Castle	8965 Holton Rd	49425	10	25	18
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(Signature of Circulator) 11/12/2018  
 (Date)  
 Sarah Patalski  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 9002 Holton Rd  
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2.	Sarah Patulski	Sarah Patulski	9002 Holton Road	49425	10	22	18
3.	Amanda Crabtree	Amanda Crabtree	8900 Cedar Creek Dr	49425	10	22	18
4.	Julie Ann LaFlamme	Julie Ann LaFlamme	8995 Holton Rd	49425	10	22	18
5.	Sam Richards	Samuel Richards	8926 Holton Rd	49425	10	22	18
6.	Kristin Richards	Kristin Richards	8926 Holton Rd	49425	10	22	18
7.	Kerri Richards	Kerri Richards	8926 Holton Rd	49425	10	22	18
8.	Andrea Root	Andrea Root	8821 Holton Rd	49425	10	22	18
9.	Angie Larabee	Angie Larabee	8794 Dewitt St.	49425	10	22	18
10.	David B. Packard	DAVID B. PACKARD	8787 Dewitt St	49425	10	22	18
11.	George E. Young	George E. Young	9125 Brickyard	49425	10	22	18
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Sarah Patulski  
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2.	<i>Lorinda Hicks</i>	Lorinda Hicks	9002 Cedar Creek Dr	49425	10	27	18 ✓
3.	<i>Lee Schultz</i>	LEE Schultz	9120 Brickyard Rd.	49425	10	27	18 ✓
4.	<i>Curtis Victor</i>	Curtis Victor	7868 Crocker Rd	49425	10	27	18 ✓
5.	<i>Sabrina Love</i>	Sabrina Love	7868 Crocker Rd	49425	10	27	18 ✓
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7.	<i>Lois Nickerson</i>	Lois Nickerson	7473 Holton Duck Lake	49425	10	27	18 ✓
8.	<i>John O. Brady</i>	JOHN O. BRADY	7782 HOLTON DUCK LK ROAD	49425	10	27	18 ✓
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2. Tanigela Coon-Miller	Tanigela Coon-Miller	6564 2nd Str, Holton, MI 49425	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
3. Juanita Coon	JUANITA COON	6564 2nd Str, Holton, MI 49425	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
4. Rose Mary Beckman	Rose Mary Beckman	6276 Holton-Whitehall Rd	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
5. Jay Van Loon	Jay Van Loon	6248 Holton-Whitehall Rd	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
6. Robert J. Beckman	Robert J. Beckman	6276 Holton-Whitehall Rd	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
7. Melea Conner	Melea A. Conner	9158 Holton Duck Lake Rd.	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
8. Amanda Tucker	Amanda Tucker	9345 Holton Duck Lake Rd	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
9. Deborah Trygstad	Deborah Trygstad	9391 Holton Duck Lake Rd	49425	10	25	2018 ✓
10. Kristi Snyder	Kristi Snyder	4159 Hart Rd	49457	10	26	2018 ✓
11. Kay Latsch	Kay Latsch	9111 Brickyard	49425	10	26	2018 ✓
12. Ed Latsch	Ed Latsch	9111 Brickyard	49425	10	26	2018 ✓

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2. Louise Vermilyea	Louise Vermilyea	4914 Norton-Whiteland	49425	10	28	18
3. Marie Hawk	Marie Hawk	6545 Holton-Whiteland	49425	10	28	18
4. ORVILLE HAWK	ORVILLE HAWK	6545 HOLTON WHITE LL	49425	10	28	18
5. Ted Hawk	Ted Hawk	8277 Holton Duck Lake Rd	49425	10	28	18
6. Dianne Hogan-Traus	Dianne Hogan-Traus	8008 Holton Rd	49425	10	28	18
7. Norma Pritz	Norma Pritz	8875 Holton Duck Lake Rd	49425	10	28	18
8. Leah Whiteland	Leah Whiteland	5710 Holton-Whiteland Rd	49425	10	28	18
9. Cynthia Norton	Cynthia Norton	8055 Byrne	49425	10	28	18
10. Bill McIlhenny JR.	Bill McIlhenny JR.	8798 Ward St. Holton M.I.	49425	10	28	18
11. Hannah Pate	Hannah Pate	7304 Ewing Rd	49457	10	28	18
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1.	Mike Hiles	Mike Hiles	7350 Holton Duck Lake, Holton	49425	10	28	18
2.	Sue Zuerich	Sue Zuerich	8760 Holton Rd, Holton	49425	10	28	18
3.	David Zuerich	David Zuerich	8760 Holton Rd, Holton	49425	10	28	18
4.	Sue Thompson	Sue Thompson	6524 Hwy R, Holton	49425	10	28	18
5.	Chris Thompson	Chris Thompson	6524 Hwy R, Holton	49425	10	28	18
6.	Paulette Lammie	Paulette Lammie	7823 W. Lake Rd, Holton	49457	10	28	18
7.	Robert L. Dausman	Robert L. Dausman	6855 Brunswick	49425	10	28	18
8.	David Stott	DAVID STOTT	9845 Holton Duck Lake Rd, Holton	49425	10	28	18
9.	Brian Norton	Brian Norton	8655 Byrne St, Holton	49425	10	28	18
10.	Louise Stitt	Louise Stitt	9845 Holton Duck Lake Rd, Holton	49425	10	28	18
11.	M. J. Slowik	MICHAEL J. SLOWIK	10399 N HOLTON DR. W. RD HOLTON	49425	10	28	18
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2.		Sarah Rasmussen	5475 Holton - Whitehall Rd	49425	11	11	18 ✓
3.		Brian Fialek	7742 E Lake Ave	49457	11	12	18 ✓
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2.	<i>Cathie Van Treese</i>	Cathy Van Treese	8130 Brunswick Rd, Holton	49425	11	4	18
3.	<i>Denise L. Vallejo</i>	Denise L. Vallejo	65163 Holton Duck Holton	49425	11	4	18
4.	<i>Janice Smith</i>	Janice Smith	7242 Ewing Rd, Twin Lake	49457	11	4	18
5.	<i>Richard A. Smith</i>	Richard A. Smith	7242 Ewing Rd, Twin Lake	49457	11	4	18
6.	<i>Coleen Hawkins</i>	Coleen HAWKINS	7807 Holton Rd, Holton	49425	11	4	18
7.	<i>Sharon Hayes</i>	Sharon Hayes	4023 Bolling Oak Ln	49457	11	4	18
8.	<i>Jack Hayes</i>	JACK HAYES	4023 Bolling Oak Ln.	49457	11	4	18
9.	<i>Arthur W. Stevens</i>	Arthur W. Stevens	7675 Schow Rd	49425	11	4	18
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(Date)  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

May 30, 2019

The Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
PO Box 86  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

Re: *Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-05-19-36

Dear Concern Citizens of Holton Township:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Eric Rothoff against you alleging that you violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The investigation and resolution of this complaint 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.

Section 24 requires committees to file a statement of organization with the proper filing official within 10 days after the committee is formed. MCL 169.224(1). Section 24 details specific requirements for all statement of organizations that must be filed. See MCL 169.224(2)-(3). A person who fails to file a statement of organization shall pay a late filing fee of \$10.00 per business day the report isn't filed not to exceed \$300. MCL 169.224(1). A person failing to file a statement of organization after 30 days, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

The MCFA requires candidates and committees file contributions and expenditures with the appropriate filing official by specific dates. MCL 169.233(1) – (3). The MCFA requires a committee that receives or expends more than \$1,000 during any election to file campaign finance reports in compliance with the Act. MCL 169.233(6). A person who knowingly omits or underreports expenditures required to be disclosed by the Act is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 or the amount of the expenditures omitted or underreported, whichever is greater. MCL 169.233(11).

Mr. Rothoff alleges that because you received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$500, you were required to register as a committee and file a statement of organization together with a treasurer under sections 21, 22, and 24. Additionally, Mr. Rothoff alleges you have failed to file required reports under section 33 with the appropriate filing official outlined in section 36.

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 the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

**If you wish to file a written response to this 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Your response may also be sent via email at the email address listed below.

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 answer will be provided to Mr. Rothoff, 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 penalty provided in section 33(11) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918  
517-335-3234  
[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)

c: Eric Rothoff, *via email*

## **Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Eric Rothoff  
**Subject:** FW: Campaign Finance Complaint  
**Attachments:** Notice of Complaint.pdf

Please see the attached correspondence. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Adam

**From:** Eric Rothoff <[erothoff@gmail.com](mailto:erothoff@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Finance Complaint

Hi Adam,  
Email is fine.  
Thanks,  
Eric Rothoff

On Thu, May 30, 2019 at 12:14 PM Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Rothoff:

This is sufficient to do it via email. Are you okay if I email you the documents sent during the complaint process or would you like them received via paper?

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**

Election Law Specialist

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

430 West Allegan Street

Lansing, Michigan 48918

(517) 335-3234

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**From:** SOS, Disclosure <[Disclosure@michigan.gov](mailto:Disclosure@michigan.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Campaign Finance Complaint

**From:** Eric Rothoff <[erothoff@gmail.com](mailto:erothoff@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 5:07 PM  
**To:** SOS, Disclosure <[Disclosure@michigan.gov](mailto:Disclosure@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Campaign Finance Complaint

Dear Sirs,

I forgot to include the complaint form, so I have reset all of it together. So now you have the scanned copy of the complain form and supporting evidence. If I need to print everything out and send it, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Eric Rothoff

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**Campaign Finance Complaint.PDF**

Dear Sirs,

I have included scanned copy of the complain form and supporting evidence. If I need to print everything out and send it, please let me know.

Sincerely,





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

July 8, 2019

**SECOND & FINAL NOTICE**

Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
PO Box 86  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

*Via Certified mail*

Re: *Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-05-19-36

Dear Concerned Citizens of Holton Township:

By correspondence dated May 30, 2019, the Department of State (Department) advised you of its intention to investigate a complaint filed against you by Eric Rothoff concerning alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq. A copy of the Department's notice is enclosed with this letter.

The notice informed you that, pursuant to section 15(5) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(5), the Department is reviewing whether you failed to comply with the requirements of the Act. The Committee was provided an opportunity to respond to these allegations within 15 business days of your receipt of the notice, but to date no response has been filed on your behalf.

**By this letter, the Department is providing you a final opportunity to submit a written response to the enclosed notice.** Your response may include any documentary evidence you wish to submit and must be received by the Department on or before **July 29, 2019**. All materials must be sent to the Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State, Richard H. Austin Building, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Failure to submit a written response to this second notice will leave the Department no alternative but to make its determination based solely on the documentation furnished by Mr. Rothoff.

Please be reminded that the Department's enforcement powers include the possibility of entering into a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, or referring this matter to the Attorney General's office with a request that her office enforce the penalty provided under the Act.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Fracassi" clearly distinguishable.

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State  
[FracassiA@Michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@Michigan.gov)  
(517) 335-3234, option 5

**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** malinda reese <malreese@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2019-05-19-36

Mr. Fracassi:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2019-05-19-36.

As you stated in your May 30, 2019 letter:

"Mr. Rothoff alleges that because you received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$500, you were required to register as a committee and file a statement of organization together with a treasurer under sections 21, 22, and 24. Additionally, Mr. Rothoff alleges you have failed to file required reports under section 33 with the appropriate filing official outlined in section 36."

Please note that I acted alone as an individual in this matter. According to Section 3(4) of the MCFA:

"An individual, other than a candidate, does not constitute a committee."

Therefore, as an individual, no registration as a committee was required under the MCFA.

Moreover, to the extent that Mr. Rothoff challenges the content of any printed matter under Section 47 of the MCFA, Section 47(1) provides that individuals are under no obligation to list any identification on any printed matter. Therefore, as an individual, I could not have violated a requirement that does not apply to me.

While Mr. Rothoff did allege that a committee should be registered under the MCFA, his exact statement from the Complaint bears repeating:



"Malinda Reese Pego, sent mailers and printed signs under the name "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township" without registering it with the state or county."

Consequently, Mr. Rothoff knew (as he admitted above) that I acted alone as an individual. And yet, he nonetheless filed this frivolous Complaint claiming that an individual should have registered as a committee under the MCFA. According to Section 15(8), knowingly filing such a false complaint is a violation of the MCFA. Therefore, not only must this knowingly frivolous Complaint be dismissed, but your office should find that Mr. Rothoff violated Section 15 of the MCFA.

Thank you for your consideration of this response.

Malinda Reese Pego

231-286-6240

*James 1:25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 12:56:22 PM EDT, Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <FracassiA@michigan.gov> wrote:

I have received this, thank you. Do you wish to file a statement or something similar, or do you want me to treat this email and your attachments as your formal answer to the complaint?

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**

Election Law Specialist

Bureau of Elections

Michigan Department of State

430 West Allegan Street

Lansing, Michigan 48918

(517) 335-3234

**From:** malinda reese <malreese@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 15, 2019 1:33 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <FracassiA@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Campaign Finance Complaint No. 2019-05-19-36

To whom it may concern,

I've been out of town and just received a complaint letter Rothoff v Concerned Citizens of Holton Township. No. 2019-05-19-36

I am submitting this email response and will also follow up with a telephone communication during business hours on Monday.

Attached is the invoice and check-stub I paid for 12 signs and 252 postcards, and the receipt for payment of postage for approximately 240 postcards to be mailed.

It is a total of \$413.84.

Please advise further upon your review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Malinda Reese Pego

231-286-6240

*James 1:25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*



**Pixel Ink Frame LLC**  
1934 E. Apple Ave. #310  
Muskegon, MI 49442 US  
(231) 740-6535  
pixelinkframe@gmail.com  
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Invoice 637

**BILL TO**

Malinda Pego

DATE  
04.30.2019

PLEASE PAY  
**\$329.84**

DUE DATE  
04.30.2019

DATE	PRODUCT / SERVICE	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04.30.2019	Graphic Design for Yard Sign and Mailer Design	120	1.60	192.00
04.30.2019	FOB Discount	120	-0.80	-96.00
04.30.2019	Large Yard Signs 42" w x 36" h. Shipping included.	2	35.36	70.72
04.30.2019	24" w x 18" h Yard Signs. Shipping included.	10	9.76	97.60
04.30.2019	5.5" w x 4.25" h Post Card 2-Sided Color Prints. 2 cuts.	252	0.26	65.52

TOTAL DUE

**\$329.84**

THANK YOU.

Service projects above \$1,200 are eligible for two installments (50% deposit, 50% due at delivery). Let us know if you would like to use that option.

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Seashells

(Unit Price:\$35.00)

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Seashells

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

July 29, 2019

Eric Rothoff  
2541 East Raymond Road  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

Via Email

Re: Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-05-19-36

Dear Mr. Rothoff:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Concerned Citizens of Holton Township, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi".

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Malinda Reese Pego, via email

**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Eric Rothoff <erothoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS); SOS, Disclosure  
**Subject:** Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019  
**Attachments:** Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019.PDF

Hi Adam Fracassi,

Here is the response I have to the answers from Malinda Reese Pego and the Concerned Citizens of Holton Township. I could have answered the receipt questions directly, if they had been included with what was sent to me.

Sincerely,  
Eric Rothoff

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918  
517-335-3234  
[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)

Dear Adam Fracassi,

Malinda Reese Pego claims to have acted alone. Yet the petition for the referendum shows that Malinda Reese Pego, Valdemar J. Jensen II, Sarah Patulski, Robert James Patulski II, and Andrea Fialek worked together to gather signatures to start the referendum. Also, Malinda didn't identify that the signs and post cards were sent as an individual, but as the committee, "PAID FOR BY CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HOLTON TOWNSHIP". (Italics and red font to point out that she was claiming to be a committee as well.

Also, Malinda Reese Pego claims to have spent only \$413.84, printed only 12 signs, and mailed approximately 240 postcards.

There was at least 15 signs out for the election, with the "PAID FOR BY CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HOLTON TOWNSHIP", and two sized. There was at least 13 - 18"x24" signs, (with multiple signs claiming to have been replaced because of vandalism.) and 2 - 24"x36" large signs. (I did not hear that either of the larger signs had to be replaced.)

Next Malinda Reese Pego claims to have printed 252 professionally printed postcards. (You see the bar code under where the address is suppose to go, and the bleed lines in the picture of the postcard?) Where can you print 252 postcards? You can't. You can print 100, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, etc, but not 252. And she claims to have mailed out approximately 240 post cards in a township that has 1772 Registered Voters, 922 of them voted in the Nov 2018 election. (And to put it more in context, the election in question had 483 votes cast.)

Finally, I suggest a close look at the submitted receipts. Do the receipts say what was bought and where? Does the receipt for the signs actually say 10 - 18"x24" signs and 2 - 24"x36" signs? (I submitted a picture of one of the 24"x36" signs.) Does the receipt for printing actually say 252 post cards? Does the receipt for the postage say how many stamps was purchased? And did it include the Post office Box that the Concerned citizens of Holton Township used?

In Conclusion, not only did Malinda Reese Pego, and the Concerned citizens of Holton Township failed to register and submit reports as required by law, but she is lying and submitting either false or incomplete evidence to support her lies. Please consider this when applying any fines or penalties.

Sincerely,



Eric Rothoff  
2541 E Raymond RD  
Twin Lake, MI 49457

8-9-2019



**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:50 PM  
**To:** Eric Rothoff  
**Subject:** RE: Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019  
**Attachments:** Rebuttal Letter.pdf; Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019.PDF

Mr. Rothoff,

Please see attached correspondence regarding your rebuttal statement. The Department has 45 business days to determine whether a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred. If the Department determines that a potential violation has occurred, you will be notified upon the resolution of the complaint.

For more information on the process, please review the Department [instructional guide](#) on the complaint process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**  
Election Law Specialist  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State  
430 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918  
(517) 335-3234

**From:** Eric Rothoff <erothoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <FracassiA@michigan.gov>; SOS, Disclosure <Disclosure@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019

Hi Adam Fracassi,

Here is the response I have to the answers from Malinda Reese Pego and the Concerned Citizens of Holton Township. I could have answered the receipt questions directly, if they had been included with what was sent to me.

Sincerely,  
Eric Rothoff

**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:44 PM  
**To:** malinda reese  
**Subject:** Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
**Attachments:** Rebuttal Letter.pdf; Reply to Complaint Concerned Citizens of Holton Township 8-9-2019.PDF

Ms. Reese Pego:

The Department has received a rebuttal statement in response to the complaint filed against you. Please find attached to this email correspondence from the Department and the rebuttal statement. From here, the Department has 45 business days to determine whether the evidence shows that a potential violation of the MCFA has occurred. You may be contacted for more information.

This is being sent via email only. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please let me know. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Adam Fracassi**  
Bureau of Elections



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

August 13, 2019

Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
c/o Malinda Reese Pego  
PO Box 86  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

*Via Email only*

Re: *Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-05-19-36

Dear Ms. Reese Pego:

This letter concerns the complaint that was recently filed against you, which relates to a purported violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The Department of State has received a rebuttal statement from the complainant, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

Section 15(10) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(10), requires the Department to determine within 45 business days from the receipt of the rebuttal statement whether there is a reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. The complaint remains under investigation at this time.

If the Department needs more information, you may be contacted. The complaint will remain under investigation until a final determination has been made. At the conclusion of the review, all parties will receive written notice of the outcome of the complaint.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Eric Rothoff, via email



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

October 28, 2019

Melinda Reese Pego  
Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
PO Box 86  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

*Via Email*

Dear Ms. Pego:

The Department of State has finished its investigation into the complaint filed against you by Eric Rothoff which alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* This letter concerns the disposition of the complaint.

The complaint was filed with the Department on May 28, 2019 and alleges that you sent mailers and printed yard signs under the committee name of "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township" but have failed to register a committee with the county clerk. Submitted with Mr. Rothoff's complaint were pictures of the mailers, signs, copies of your Facebook page, and copies of the petition sheets for a referendum.

By letter dated May 30, 2019, the Department notified you of the complaint and its intention to investigate. You responded via email on July 26, 2019 indicating that because you were an individual acting alone, you were not required to form a committee under the Act and that section 47's requirements did not apply to you as you were acting alone. With your response, you submitted a copy of the invoice from your purchase (totaling \$329.84), the check stub paying for the invoice, and a receipt for postage (totaling \$84.00).

By letter dated July 29, 2019, the Department notified Mr. Rothoff of his right to file a rebuttal statement. The rebuttal statement was received on August 9, 2019. Mr. Rothoff argued that since several individuals assisted you in gathering signatures to start the referendum process and the disclosure statements all read "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township," you were not acting alone for purposes of the Act's registration and disclosure requirements.

The first issue presented in the complaint is whether you were required to form a committee under the Act. Under the MCFA, a committee is "a person that receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against . . . the qualification, passage, or defeat of ballot questions . . . if contributions received total \$500.00 or more in a calendar year or expenditures made total \$500.00 or more in a calendar year." MCL 169.203(4). "A person . . . making an expenditure to a ballot question

committee or an independent expenditure committee, shall not, for that reason, be considered a committee or be required to file a report for the purposes of this act unless the person solicits or receives contributions for the purpose of making an expenditure.” MCL 169.203(4). The words “contribution” and “expenditure” are generally defined, in pertinent part, to include anything of ascertainable monetary value that is used to influence or assist a candidate’s nomination or election, or the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1).

Under the MCFA, a committee is required to file its statement of organization within 10 days of its formation. MCL 169.224(1), see also *Zucker Interpretive Statement*, Issued November 21, 2007 (finding that “ActBlue’s obligation to register [as a committee] is triggered not more than ten days after it receives contributions or makes expenditures of at least \$500.00 in a single calendar year to influence or attempt to influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question.”)<sup>1</sup>

Here, your obligation to form and register a committee would be triggered upon receiving or expending \$500 or more in a single calendar year for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question. According to the response to the complaint and the invoices provided, you made expenditures totaling \$413.84 that expressly advocated<sup>2</sup> for the defeat of a ballot question. However, there is no evidence indicating that you solicited or received contributions for the purpose of making this expenditure. Therefore, because the expenditures total less than \$500 and you did not solicit or receive contributions for the purpose of making expenditures, you were not required to register a committee with the Muskegon County Clerk.

However, while not required to form a committee, a person other than a committee that makes independent expenditures that expressly advocate for the passage or defeat of a ballot question totaling \$100.01 or more in a single calendar year is required to file a report of the independent expenditure with the county clerk within 10 days of the date of the independent expenditure. MCL 169.251(1). Failure to timely file the independent expenditure report may require the payment of late filing fees. MCL 169.251(2).

Here, the independent expenditure totaled \$413.84 which exceeds the \$100.01 threshold established under the Act. A person making an independent expenditure is required to report the total amount spent on the expenditure regardless of whether any contributions have been accepted. To date, no independent expenditure report has been filed with the Muskegon County Clerk’s Office.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Zucker\\_Request\\_-\\_Final\\_Response\\_216319\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Zucker_Request_-_Final_Response_216319_7.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Under the Act, express advocacy is defined as communication that specifically urges voters to “vote yes,” “vote no,” “elect,” “defeat,” “support,” or “oppose” a candidate, using these or equivalent words and phrases. MCL 169.206(2)(j).

Therefore, the Department concludes that the evidence supports a reason to believe a violation has occurred. Upon reaching this conclusion, the Department is required 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.*

As part of the informal resolution, the Department requests you file an independent expenditure report with the Muskegon County Clerk’s office. For your convenience, a copy of the form is enclosed. **This report should be filed no later than November 12, 2019.** The Department notes that your committee may be assessed a late-filing fee by the Muskegon County Clerk for any statement that was not timely filed. MCL 169.233(7). Late-filing fees are assessed and collected by the filing official with whom the statements are filed. MCL 169.217(1). Any questions regarding these late-filing fees should be directed to the Muskegon County Clerk.

Upon the filing of the independent expenditure report, the Department will review the report in order to determine whether further enforcement action may be necessary.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Nancy Waters, Muskegon County Clerk’s Office

**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** malinda reese  
**Subject:** Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
**Attachments:** Determination.pdf; Independent\_Expenditure\_Report\_98244\_7.pdf

Ms. Reese Pego,

Please find the attached determination regarding the campaign finance complaint filed by Mr. Rothoff. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Adam Fracassi**, Election Law Specialist  
Michigan Bureau of Elections  
P.O. Box 20126  
Lansing, Michigan 48901

## **Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Clerk <Clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Subject:** RE: Rothoff v. Pego - Campaign Finance Complaint  
**Attachments:** 20191219145749834.pdf

Attached is the documentation that has been filed with the Muskegon County Clerk's office.

Sincerely,

**Jeanne Pezet**

Elections Coordinator

990 Terrace Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Muskegon, MI 49442

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(231) 724-6425

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) [mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** RE: Rothoff v. Pego - Campaign Finance Complaint

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**From:** Clerk <[Clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us](mailto:Clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <[FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rothoff v. Pego - Campaign Finance Complaint

Yes.

**Jeanne Pezet**

Elections Coordinator

990 Terrace Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) [<mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 12:33 PM

**To:** Clerk

**Subject:** RE: Rothoff v. Pego - Campaign Finance Complaint

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Good afternoon,

Were the independent expenditure reports regarding this committee ever filed with the County?

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**, Election Law Specialist

Michigan Bureau of Elections

P.O. Box 20126

Lansing, Michigan 48901

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2019 11:35 AM

**To:** [Clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us](mailto:Clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us)

**Subject:** Rothoff v. Pego - Campaign Finance Complaint

Please find attached a determination made by the Department in a campaign finance complaint which requires the individual to file independent expenditure reports with Muskegon County. Please process as you would normally process any report, and if you have any questions, let me know.

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**, Election Law Specialist

Michigan Bureau of Elections

P.O. Box 20126

Lansing, Michigan 48901



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NANCY A. WATERS  
MUSKEGON COUNTY CLERK

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Use a separate form for each expenditure.

<p>1a. Enter the candidate's name, office involved, jurisdiction/district and county of residence.</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Support      <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose</p>	<p>1b. Describe the ballot question.</p> <p><u>AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MARIJUANA FACILITIES.</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Support      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose</p>																				
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<p>4. Person or Business that Received the Funds:</p> <p><u>PIXEL INK FRAME LLC</u>      <u>329.84</u></p> <p><u>UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE</u>      <u>84.00</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind (If box checked leave blank)      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not In-Kind</p>	<p>5. Date of Expenditure      <u>04-30-19</u> (This form is due within 10 days; Late Filing Fees Apply.)</p> <p>6. Amount of Expenditure      <u>413.84</u></p> <p>7. Purpose/Description of the Independent Expenditure</p> <p><u>SIGNS/POSTCARDS AND POSTAGE STAMPS</u></p>																				
<p>8. Individual Filing the Report:</p> <p>Name: <u>N/A</u></p> <p>Address: _____</p>																					
<p>9. Verification: I certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of this statement; to the best of my knowledge and belief the contents are true, accurate and complete.</p> <p>Signature of Person Filing the Report: <u><i>Malinda Lynn Rose Pego</i></u>      Date: <u>11-06-2019</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature      Mo      Day      Year</p>																					



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

October 28, 2019

Melinda Reese Pego  
Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
PO Box 86  
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

*Via Email*

Dear Ms. Pego:

The Department of State has finished its investigation into the complaint filed against you by Eric Rothoff which alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* This letter concerns the disposition of the complaint.

The complaint was filed with the Department on May 28, 2019 and alleges that you sent mailers and printed yard signs under the committee name of "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township" but have failed to register a committee with the county clerk. Submitted with Mr. Rothoff's complaint were pictures of the mailers, signs, copies of your Facebook page, and copies of the petition sheets for a referendum.

By letter dated May 30, 2019, the Department notified you of the complaint and its intention to investigate. You responded via email on July 26, 2019 indicating that because you were an individual acting alone, you were not required to form a committee under the Act and that section 47's requirements did not apply to you as you were acting alone. With your response, you submitted a copy of the invoice from your purchase (totaling \$329.84), the check stub paying for the invoice, and a receipt for postage (totaling \$84.00).

By letter dated July 29, 2019, the Department notified Mr. Rothoff of his right to file a rebuttal statement. The rebuttal statement was received on August 9, 2019. Mr. Rothoff argued that since several individuals assisted you in gathering signatures to start the referendum process and the disclosure statements all read "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township," you were not acting alone for purposes of the Act's registration and disclosure requirements.

The first issue presented in the complaint is whether you were required to form a committee under the Act. Under the MCFA, a committee is "a person that receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against . . . the qualification, passage, or defeat of ballot questions . . . if contributions received total \$500.00 or more in a calendar year or expenditures made total \$500.00 or more in a calendar year." MCL 169.203(4). "A person . . . making an expenditure to a ballot question

committee or an independent expenditure committee, shall not, for that reason, be considered a committee or be required to file a report for the purposes of this act unless the person solicits or receives contributions for the purpose of making an expenditure.” MCL 169.203(4). The words “contribution” and “expenditure” are generally defined, in pertinent part, to include anything of ascertainable monetary value that is used to influence or assist a candidate’s nomination or election, or the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1).

Under the MCFA, a committee is required to file its statement of organization within 10 days of its formation. MCL 169.224(1), see also *Zucker Interpretive Statement*, Issued November 21, 2007 (finding that “ActBlue’s obligation to register [as a committee] is triggered not more than ten days after it receives contributions or makes expenditures of at least \$500.00 in a single calendar year to influence or attempt to influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question.”)<sup>1</sup>

Here, your obligation to form and register a committee would be triggered upon receiving or expending \$500 or more in a single calendar year for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question. According to the response to the complaint and the invoices provided, you made expenditures totaling \$413.84 that expressly advocated<sup>2</sup> for the defeat of a ballot question. However, there is no evidence indicating that you solicited or received contributions for the purpose of making this expenditure. Therefore, because the expenditures total less than \$500 and you did not solicit or receive contributions for the purpose of making expenditures, you were not required to register a committee with the Muskegon County Clerk.

However, while not required to form a committee, a person other than a committee that makes independent expenditures that expressly advocate for the passage or defeat of a ballot question totaling \$100.01 or more in a single calendar year is required to file a report of the independent expenditure with the county clerk within 10 days of the date of the independent expenditure. MCL 169.251(1). Failure to timely file the independent expenditure report may require the payment of late filing fees. MCL 169.251(2).

Here, the independent expenditure totaled \$413.84 which exceeds the \$100.01 threshold established under the Act. A person making an independent expenditure is required to report the total amount spent on the expenditure regardless of whether any contributions have been accepted. To date, no independent expenditure report has been filed with the Muskegon County Clerk’s Office.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Zucker\\_Request\\_-\\_Final\\_Response\\_216319\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Zucker_Request_-_Final_Response_216319_7.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Under the Act, express advocacy is defined as communication that specifically urges voters to “vote yes,” “vote no,” “elect,” “defeat,” “support,” or “oppose” a candidate, using these or equivalent words and phrases. MCL 169.206(2)(j).

Therefore, the Department concludes that the evidence supports a reason to believe a violation has occurred. Upon reaching this conclusion, the Department is required 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.*

As part of the informal resolution, the Department requests you file an independent expenditure report with the Muskegon County Clerk’s office. For your convenience, a copy of the form is enclosed. **This report should be filed no later than November 12, 2019.** The Department notes that your committee may be assessed a late-filing fee by the Muskegon County Clerk for any statement that was not timely filed. MCL 169.233(7). Late-filing fees are assessed and collected by the filing official with whom the statements are filed. MCL 169.217(1). Any questions regarding these late-filing fees should be directed to the Muskegon County Clerk.

Upon the filing of the independent expenditure report, the Department will review the report in order to determine whether further enforcement action may be necessary.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [FracassiA@michigan.gov](mailto:FracassiA@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Nancy Waters, Muskegon County Clerk’s Office



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING

December 23, 2019

Malinda Reese Pego  
Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
P.O. Box 86  
Twin Lake, MI 49457

*Via Email*

Re: *Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township*  
Campaign Finance Complaint  
No. 2019-05-19-36

Dear Ms. Reese Pego:

This letter concerns the campaign finance complaint filed against you by Eric Rothoff, which alleged certain violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.*

In his complaint, Mr. Rothoff alleged that you sent mailers and printed signs under the name "Concerned Citizens of Holton Township" but failed to register it as a committee and failed to file certain reports with the County Clerk.

By letter dated October 29, 2019, the Department found that the evidence provided supported the conclusion that a violation of the MCFA had occurred. As previously indicated, upon reaching this conclusion, the Department is required 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.*

As part of the informal resolution, the Department asked you to file independent expenditure reports with the Muskegon County Clerk's Office (the filing official) and provide a copy of the reports to the Department. While they were not filed concurrently with the Department, the reports have been forwarded by the County Clerk and were filed on November 6, 2019 – prior to the deadline.

The Department has reviewed these statements and is satisfied that you complied with the Department's request. Therefore, the Department determines that this formal warning is a sufficient resolution to the complaint. The Department now considers this matter closed and will take no further action against you at this time.

The Department notes that you may be assessed a late-filing fee by the County Clerk for any statement that was not timely filed. MCL 169.233(7). Late-filing fees are assessed and collected by the filing official with whom the statements are filed. MCL 169.217(1). Any questions regarding these late-filing fees should be directed to the Otsego County Clerk.

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.

In accordance with Section 15 of the MCFA, the Department's entire file on this matter will be posted to its website, [www.Michigan.gov/CampaignFinance](http://www.Michigan.gov/CampaignFinance).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", written in a cursive style.

Adam Fracassi  
Bureau of Elections  
Michigan Department of State

c: Eric Rothoff

**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2019 12:14 PM  
**To:** malinda reese  
**Subject:** Rothoff v. Concerned Citizens of Holton Township  
**Attachments:** Disposition letter.pdf

Ms. Reese,

Please find attached correspondence related to the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Adam Fracassi**, Election Law Specialist  
Michigan Bureau of Elections  
P.O. Box 20126  
Lansing, Michigan 48901



**Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)**

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**From:** Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Eric Rothoff  
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Mr. Rothoff,

Please find attached correspondence related to the abovementioned campaign finance complaint filed with the Department. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

**Adam Fracassi**, Election Law Specialist  
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