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The letter asks for "endorsement and support for State Representative 2A". The letter also declares an aim of defeating incumbent Matt Grossell. It's clearly a campaign expenditure and a type of communication that requires a disclaimer, if not a disclaimer in all three places (envelope, sticker, and letter). I believe the letter was mailed to each of the 99 or so delegates to the SD2 DFL convention on the House District 2A side.

Scans of the envelopes and letter are attached.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this campaign finance violation.

Sincerely,  
Soren Sorensen  
Candidate for House District 2A (filed)

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Megan Engelhardt  
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this campaign finance violation. My concern is that the failure to disclose the expenditure and attribute authorship to Michael Northbird's campaign committee may be a sign that another individual or campaign committee has contributed materials, labor, postage or other assistance in this campaign mailing.

Respectfully submitted,



Soren Sorensen  
Candidate for House District 2A (filed)

Boozhoo/Hello, my name is Michael Northbird.

I write to respectfully ask for your endorsement and support for State Representative District 2A. As a delegate/alternate to the Senate District 2 DFL Endorsing convention, you will vote for the person you want to run against the Republican incumbent in 2A, Matt Grossell, in the November General Election.

Allow me to introduce myself. Having been born and raised in Cass Lake, my roots are inherently rural Minnesotan. I have a wife of nine years who is stepmother to my only child, a junior at Cass Lake-Bena High School. My grandfather Gerald Northbird, Sr., of the Red Lake Nation, raised me. I'm the great-grandson of Adella Stillday (Red Lake) and Louis Northbird, Sr. (Leech Lake). My great-grandmother is sister to my great-great-uncle Thomas J. Stillday Jr., a well-known Red Lake spiritual leader, both of whom were very influential in my life.

For the past three years I have been the Environmental Program Manager for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, a Union of six Ojibwe Bands totaling 41,000 members. Prior to that, I was Environmental Program Manager for the Leech Lake Band for six years. I am Leech Lake Band member, enrolled in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and direct descendent of the Red Lake Nation.

My position requires that I deal directly with the Office of Tribal and International Affairs of the USEPA Region 5 (MN, WI, MI), and regular consultation with other Federal Agencies such as the US Army Corp of Engineers, HUD, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the Department of Energy and more. I have experience co-regulating alongside MN State Agencies e.g. Pollution Control Agency and Department of Natural Resources.

Aside from my background in environmental protection and advocate for 41,000 members of my Tribe, I have a background in civil engineering prior to my environmental career. I am a strong supporter of the STEM initiative (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). I support local agriculture and community gardening. I support opportunities for Minnesota families to have jobs with supportable wages. I'm a firm believer in renewable energy and reducing energy costs while promoting cleaner air, water, and protecting our natural resources. We need sensible development and infrastructure investment in order to boost and sustain our economy both locally and statewide. These are just a few issues I feel are important to our area and State.

I've been encouraged by peers, co-workers, and family to seek this position to represent the people of District 2A. I support progressive ideas to carry Minnesota into the next decade. Our future depends on cohesiveness and the ability to stand strong together as a State. Fighting for local communities and the people of District 2A is my utmost priority. To ensure we are not forgotten, I will work diligently alongside my fellow legislators to solidify these ideals and protect the people of the district from being left behind in the decades to come.

**The Senate District 2 DFL Endorsing Convention is at Mahnomen High School on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. (209 South 1st St., Mahnomen) Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. the convention begins at 10:30. Lunch and desserts will be served as a fundraiser to help defray convention costs.**

I'm encouraged by the support I've received so far. Now I seek yours. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your concerns and ideas. Should I have the honor of receiving your support, and you are unable to make it to the convention, I'm only an email or phone call away, as I hit the campaign trail to defeat Matt Grossell. Please contact me with questions or concerns at [NorthbirdForMN2A@gmail.com](mailto:NorthbirdForMN2A@gmail.com) or 218-259-6575.

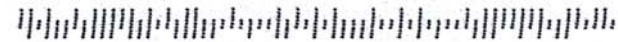


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