

Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director  
Minnesota Campaign Finance Board

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

I am writing to inform you of a situation taking place in House District 25A, one that—I believe—should be investigated further by your board. The Republican-Endorsed candidate, Glenn Gruenhagen has a large and growing number (several hundred) 4' x 8' and 2' x 4' signs showing up across our district. The signs are almost invariably posted together on the same posts with other Republican candidates' signs (Emmer, Kline, De Kruif). Mr. Gruenhagen's signs have a disclosure statement at the bottom that says they were prepared and paid for by his campaign committee (see attached photo). But, by my estimate, they have several thousand dollars worth of signs out, an amount that rivals their total disclosed fund raising.

According to Mr. Gruenhagen's CFB disclosure information, he has not provided any records on the production of campaign signs, or where the funds or in-kind donations are coming from to finance their production. The amount he has raised, according to his disclosure, might actually be less than the cost of these signs. This is very troubling.

It is our feeling that Mr. Gruenhagen has not disclosed the actual costs of producing the several hundred signs we are seeing in the district. If they are being produced—without an in-kind disclosure-- by a third party, as we suspect from the coordinated pattern of their placement with signs from other Republican campaigns, this would seem to violate statute.

We have also had several reports of land owners finding signs on their property without having given their prior approval. Some have mentioned receiving a note or phone call after the fact, but others have not had any communication from their campaign. This would also seem to be a violation of the law.

I would appreciate the CFB's attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Todd Redmann, Chair  
McGuire for 25A

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## Goldsmith, Gary (CFB)

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**From:** TODD REDMANN [tredmann\_1@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 8:06 AM  
**To:** Goldsmith, Gary (CFB)  
**Subject:** RE: House District 25A

Dear Mr. Goldsmith,

The signs have been steadily appearing since late June. As no expenditures for signs were listed on Mr. Gruenhagen's July report, we would like to file a formal complaint. We would like a complete accounting for all expenditures for this large number of signs. As there seems to be clear evidence of coordination amongst the campaigns of all of the Republican candidates (Emmer, Kline, De Kruif, Gruenhagen), we would like to know who is paying for what in this process.

We also remain concerned about the means by which they placing these signs as well. Again, we have had reports of signs being placed without prior permission of land owners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Todd Redmann, Chair  
McGuire for 25A

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From: Gary.Goldsmith@state.mn.us  
To: tredmann\_1@msn.com  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 07:36:48 -0500  
Subject: RE: House District 25A

Dear Mr. Redmann,

I have two questions.

First, were the signs coming out before July 19<sup>th</sup>. That is the last date for which expenditures were included on the pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures. If the signs were not out prior to that date, it is possible that their cost will be reported on the pre-general-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

Second, if the answer to the first question is "yes", do you intend this letter to be a formal complaint or a request for an informal staff inquiry. If it is a formal complaint, the Board will investigate and ultimately make findings concerning probable cause. If it is an informal staff inquiry, we will contact the other party and inquire as to why no report of the cost of signs has been made. The usual result will be that the report will be filed.

If the signs were not out prior to July 19<sup>th</sup>, it may be that there is no violation at all.

I will wait for your response before proceeding.

Gary Goldsmith

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**From:** TODD REDMANN [mailto:tredmann\_1@msn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 1:31 PM

**To:** Goldsmith, Gary (CFB)

**Subject:** House District 25A

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Please find a letter and photo attached detailing a situation taking place in HD25A that may warrant CFB attention.

Thanks,  
Todd Redmann, Chair  
McGuire for 25A

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