



COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE &
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

All information on this form is private and confidential until a finding is issued by the Board.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Margaret F. Romero	
Address	26 West 10th Street . Unit 170B	
City, state, zip	St. Paul . MN 55102-5016	Daytime telephone no. 651-245-6553

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Ezra Baer
Address	10792 - 230th Street North
City, state, zip	Hawley . MN 56549
Title of respondent (if applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator)	

Margaret F. Romero
Signature of person filing complaint

November 9, 2010
Date

Send completed form to: Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
Suite 190, Centennial Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call: 651/296-1721; 800/657-3889; or
for TTY/TDD communication contact us through the Minn. Relay Service at 800/627-3529
Board staff may also be reached by e-mail at: cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statute cite of the portion of Chapter 10A, or Minn. Rules you believe has been violated. 10A.20

You will find the complete text of Minn. Stat. §10A and Minn. Rules Chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at www.cfboard.state.mn.us

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated Chapter 10A, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions or other evidence which support your allegations.

Mr. Ezra Baer paid for a 2-column wide /6- inch long advertisement (Exhibit A) in the October 18, 2010 editions of the following newspapers:

Hawley Herald
Barnesville Record-Review
Clay County Ulen Union

Each ad cost \$102.00, for a total of \$306.00.

Mr. Ezra Baer paid for a 3-column wide/10- inch long advertisement (Exhibit B) in the October 25 and November 1, 2010 editions of the above-referenced newspapers.

Each ad cost \$255.00, for a total of \$1,530.00.

Mr. Baer did not file a report with the board and is in clear violation of Subd. 6, that in part, states: ". . . an individual who makes independent expenditures or expenditures expressly advocating the approval or defeat of a ballot question in aggregate in excess of \$100 a year shall file with the board a report . . ."

Minn. Stat. 10A.02, subd 11 - Violations; enforcement.

The board shall investigate any alleged violation filed in writing with the board. For an alleged violation of sections 10A.25 (expenditure limits) or 10A.27 (additional limits) the board shall either enter into a conciliation agreement or make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause, within 60 days of the filing of the complaint. For alleged violations of all other sections, the board shall within 30 days after the filing of the complaint make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

The deadline for action may be extended by a majority vote of the board. Within a reasonable time after beginning an investigation of an individual or association, the board shall notify that individual or association of the fact of the investigation. The board shall make no finding without notifying the individual or association of the nature of the allegations and affording an opportunity to answer those allegations.

Any hearing or action of the board concerning a complaint or investigation shall be confidential until the board makes a public finding concerning probable cause or enters into a conciliation agreement.

Except as provided in section 10A.28, after the board makes a public finding of probable cause the board shall report that finding to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Exhibit A

Role of Government?

“That government is best which governs least.”

-Henry David Thoreau

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the problem is that government spends too much.”**

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