# Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board

190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55155

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## Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board. A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

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Name of complaint filerRobert Hoffman						
Address 71764 Michael St.	Email addressrobert@roberthoffmanrealty.com					
City, state, and zip Albert Lea, MN 56007	Telephone (Daytime) 507-402-4692					
Identify person/entity you are complaining about						
Name of person/entity being complained aboutLisa Hanson						
Address 82299 200th St. Text						
City, state, zip Hayward, MN 56043						
Title of respondent (If applicable) Candidate for State Senator Distri	ct 23					
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)						
RHOFF	August 1st, 2022					
Signature of person filing complaint	Date					
Send completed form to:						
Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board 190 Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155						
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Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may also be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B,	Minn, Stat. 211B.04	
or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:		

You will find the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at www.cfboard.state.mn.us.

**Nature of complaint** 

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See attachment.		 	
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Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, describes the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website.

Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed.

The Board has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint is sufficient to allege a prima facie violation of the campaign finance laws. If the Board determines that the complaint does allege a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board will start an investigation. The Board will send you monthly updates regarding the status of the investigation. At the end of the investigation, the Board will offer you and the respondent the opportunity to be heard before the Board makes a final decision.

In most cases, the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. For a spending or contribution limits violation, the Board can enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent instead of issuing findings, conclusions, and an order. The Board's final decision will be sent to you and posted on the Board's website.

#### NATURE OF COMPLAINT

- 1. Gene Dornink is running for the position of State Senator for Minnesota District 23.
- 2. Lisa Hanson is running against Gene Dornink for the same position of State Senator.
- 3. On July 30, 2022, a campaign advertisement advocating for Lisa Hanson's election was mailed to Robert Hoffman at 71764 Michael St., Albert Lea, MN 56007.

### Lack of Proper Disclaimers

- 4. The campaign literature sent to Robert Hoffman lacks the necessary disclaimers and is a violation of Minnesota Statute § 211B.04 subd. 1(a).
- 5. A person who participates in the preparation or dissemination of campaign material that does not prominently include the name and address of the person or committee preparing and disseminating the material must include a disclaimer substantially in the form provided in paragraph (b) of the statute. Minn. Stat. § 211B.04 subd. 1(a)
- 6. The required form of the disclaimer is: "Prepared and paid for by the ... committee, ... (address)" for material prepared and paid for by a principal campaign committee or "Prepared and paid for by the ... committee, ... (address)" for material prepared and paid for by a person or committee other than a principal campaign committee. Minn. Stat. § 211B.04 subd. 1 (b).
- 7. The address included in the disclaimer must be either the committee's mailing address or the committee's website, if the website includes the committee's mailing address. *Id*.
- 8. The campaign literature sent to Robert Hoffman does not prominently include the name or address of the person or committee that prepared and paid for the advertisement.
- 9. The campaign literature completely lacks a disclaimer. The advertisement does not state the name of the person or committee that prepared and paid for it anywhere. Additionally, the advertisement lacks a mailing address that can be tied to an individual or committee.

10. Based on the foregoing allegations and upon information and belief, Lisa Hanson violated Minn. Stat. § 211B.04 subd. 1(a) by failing to include the necessary disclaimers on campaign literature sent out on her behalf.





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