

## Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)

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**From:** Soren Sorensen - MN 2A house campaign <votepraylove@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 5:59 AM  
**To:** Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)  
**Subject:** Complaint versus 2nd Senate District DFL (registration number: 20377)  
**Attachments:** SD2DFLcomplaint-signed.png; SD2DFLcomplaint-natureofcomplaint.png; SD2DFL-postcard-postmark.png; SD2DFL-postcardlacksdisclaimer.png

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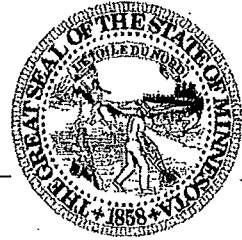
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Thank you,  
Soren Sorensen

# Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board

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

www.cfboard.state.mn.us



## 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 complainant

Name of complaint filer	Soren Sorensen		
Address	13179 Birchview Dr NE	Email address	votepraylove@gmail.com
City, state, and zip	Bemidji, MN 56601	Telephone (Daytime)	218 760-6563

### Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	2nd Senate District DFL (Registration number: 20377)		
Address	31702 SW Pickerel Lake Rd		
City, state, zip	Detroit Lakes, MN 56501		
Title of respondent (if applicable)	Ted Fiskevold, Chair and Lon Enberg, Treasurer		
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator)			

Signature of person filing complaint

3/5/2018

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board  
190 Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions:

Call 651-539-1190, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us through the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may also be reached by email at [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto:cf.board@state.mn.us).

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, 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](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us).

**Nature of complaint**

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions, or other evidence to support your allegations.

In an election related mailing postmarked March 3rd, 2018 the SD 2 DFL unit sent postcards to delegates and alternates to the March 17, 2018 SD 2 DFL convention that lack the required disclaimer. The disclaimer lacks the party unit address. See attached.
At the SD 2 DFL convention Ted Fiskevold (speaking as chair of the unit and the convention) admitted the SD 2 DFL party unit lacks a constitution (which is required by the MN DFL Constitution and Bylaws) and does not hold regular meetings, and thus does not provide notice of any meetings or take minutes of meetings. Fiskevold said that the party unit only raises money in coordination with Senator Rod Skoe. In essence, Fiskevold admitted that the SD 2 DFL unit registered with the MN CFB is not a DFL party organization and normally operates in a way that defies the letter and intent of MN Campaign Finance Law.
Lacking the required party constitution, any endorsement and expenditure made by Fiskevold and Enberg and this registered group is a violation of MN Statute 211B.02 FALSE CLAIM OF SUPPORT.
In the January 26, 2017 report SD 2 DFL filed with the MN Campaign finance board, the unit reports an illegal political contribution disguised as a purchase from a vendor \$1,000 to the "Red Lake Political Education Committee". The Red Lake Political Education Committee is not registered with the MN Campaign Finance Board as a political committee or the MN Secretary of State as a business or charity but regularly spends money to influence state legislative races. It is operated in practice by Michael Meuers, of Bemidji, MN

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.



**At your DFL Precinct Caucus on February 6, 2018  
you were elected as a delegate or alternate to the**

**Senate District 2 DFL Endorsing Convention**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Mahnomen High School Cafeteria  
209 So. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Mahnomen MN  
Registration/Social hour 9:30am  
Convention begins at 10:30am**

***A fundraising lunch will be available at a reasonable price.***

**Hope to see you there!**

**Paid for by the SD2 DFL**

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**From:** Soren Sorensen - MN 2A house campaign <votepraylove@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 7:05 AM  
**To:** Engelhardt, Megan (CFB)  
**Subject:** Re: Complaint versus 2nd Senate District DFL (registration number: 20377)  
**Attachments:** Screen Shot 2018-05-04 at 6.55.55 AM.png

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On March 14th, the facebook page of the "Red Lake Political Education Committee" shared the facebook page of Michael Northbird for 2A. The Red Lake Political Education Committee lacks required disclaimers and is not registered with the Campaign Finance Board though it obviously raises and spends significant (over \$1000 per cycle) to influence MN legislative elections.

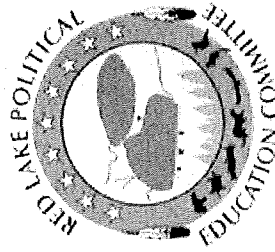
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PEC Meeting at Luekens Meeting room in Bemidji on Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 am. (Next to McDonalds).

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**From:** Soren Sorensen - MN 2A house campaign <votepraylove@gmail.com>  
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Job advertisement for the Red Lake Political Education  
Committee: <http://www.redlakenation.org/Canvasser%20Job%20App.%20100516.pdf>

Start October 4th, 2016 - October 17, 2016

Distribute "non-partisan" literature and direct voter contact, advertising political events, etc.

On Fri, May 4, 2018 at 7:04 AM, Soren Sorensen - MN 2A house campaign <votepraylove@gmail.com> wrote:

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## Political Education Committee Canvasser Job Description

### **Qualifications:**

1. Be at least 18 years old;
2. Need to have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance

### **Duties:**

1. Door to Door voter registration
2. Educate individuals on the importance of voting
3. Instruct individuals on upcoming voter events
4. Distribute nonpartisan literature to households or individuals
6. Keep statistics on contacts made, registration, and number of literature delivered
7. Participate in training
8. Other duties as assigned

Reports to Canvasser Supervisor

*At least two Canvassers per district*

Start date: October 4, 2016

End date: October 17, 2016

\$12/hour for 20 hours per week

Please turn in Job Applications to:

**Michelle Paquin**, Co-Chair PEC, Legal Department,  
*RED LAKE NATION GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, WEST WING.*

**RED LAKE POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**APPLICATION FOR CANVASSERS**

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What District do you reside in? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have a Drivers License? YES or NO

D.L. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have valid Insurance? YES or NO

If so, FULL COVERAGE or LIABILITY INSURANCE

**(COPIES OF DRIVERS LICENSE must be ATTACHED)**

8. Do you have a Cell Phone? YES or NO

If so, please list number: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT**

*I certify that this information is accurate and complete. I understand that giving incomplete or false information in an application for employment is a serious matter and is grounds for dismissal and forfeiture of related benefits. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date