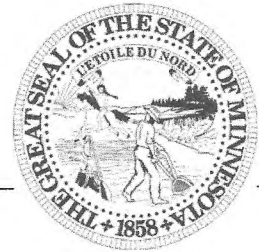


Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board



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 complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Erik Mortensen		
Address	2103 Halli Road	Email address	erik.mortensen@outlook.com
City, state, and zip	Shakopee, MN 55379	Telephone (Daytime)	952-228-8866

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Vote For Loonan Committee
Address	1221 East 4th Ave
City, state, zip	Shakopee, MN 55379
Title of respondent (If applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	

Signature of person filing complaint

Date

Send completed form to:

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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.

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

Section 211B-04

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

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.

The Vote For Loonan Committee has paid Dustin Grage with DG Digital Marketing a sum of at least \$5,000 for Campaign Relations and Online Services. The apparent owner of DG Digital, Dustin Grage, has acknowledged in the attached documentation that he was paid for performing social media attacks against the Vote For Loonan Committee's political opponent, the Mort For House Committee. However, none of the paid social media posts being made by Dustin Grage contain the required campaign disclosure noting that his statements are being made on a 'For Hire' basis.

In other words, the documentation enclosed proves Dustin Grage is participating in the preparation and dissemination of campaign material for Vote For Loonan Committee that does not prominently include the name and address of the Vote For Loonan. It is the opinion of the complainant that through this violation the Vote For Loonan Committee has committed several misdemeanor offenses.

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.

All of the following snips from Facebook represent instances of DG stating paid campaign positions without proper disclosure of his affiliation with Loonan for MN House.

DG is not a resident of HD 55A.

Snips from a Concerned Citizens of Shakopee group (13K public members). This page is a very large membership of active political voters in the city of Shakopee, HD55A

Note the paid party does NOT post on any official Mortensen pages. We also have not provided any similar comments from his own candidate's facebook page. Although similar distortions appear against the Mortensen candidacy, that page is slanted and controlled and properly disclosed.

In this screenshot, DG admits he was paid \$5,000 by Vote For Loonan Committee.



Dustin Grage

For real though, Erik.

I'm paid \$5,000 to point out these ridiculous occurrences by your campaign.

Paid by Bob Loonan, not a grifter organization.

Below are instances of DG sharing campaign talking points.

First, replies off a post by Joseph Ditto, who shared a endorsement letter that wasn't published by the local newspaper. Note DG sharing his opinions under cover of a regular citizen, and not a paid spokesperson for the campaign. Some of the accusations leveled as a paid spokesperson include possible campaign violations by the current party chair.

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Kari Mortensen People will bitch and bitch about politicians and how bad and corrupt they are. Now they have an opportunity to vote for a regular guy that is willing to fight for freedom, and yet people say "he's too controversial". If you want nothing to change and ...
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Dustin Grage Kari, it's not that your husband is "controversial."

Far from it.

He endorses grifters, lies about his opponents stances, used the power of an executive board to change the convention date with the minimum notice to Loonan delegates, had the chair use his title in an endorsement letter paid and prepared for by Erik, and so much more.

Not to mention he lost in a district Bob has won consistently by double digits every cycle after alienating himself from independents.

Your husband is the very politician he claims others are, and people see right through it.



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Dustin Grage Erin Haust is 100% correct.

Joe, aside from this letter you literally signed onto a letter of support with your current title as the signature in a paid and prepared for piece by Erik Mortensen VIA mail.

Huge mistake. But the Mortensen campaign could care less about what's right and wrong.

It's fine to say "Joe Ditto, Resident."

But using your title is a major violation.

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Tony LaLonde 🇺🇸 Erin Haust There is nothing in the Bylaws or Constitution that prohibits a party officer from supporting a candidate. People endorse all the time. This is nothing new.

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Dustin Grage Tony, not signing with his title in a paid and prepared for the candidate.

This is the type of BS people are sick of.

You all hurt more than help your campaign by doing this shady campaigning.

There wasn't an endorsement. Party officers must be neutral in their titles.

It's fine to sign as "Joe Ditto"

However...


"Joe Ditto,

Scott County GOP Chairman"


Not okay.

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 Dustin Grage Again, the truth is hard to swallow. But I find it humorous the campaign that is literally backed by grifters who takes in hundreds of thousands annually from scamming people, and goes on to complain about a single vendor for a fraction of what is spent from the opposition campaign.

Ima just leave this one here:

 Erik Mortensen
If the entire GOP was taken over by the Dorr brothers all MN businesses would be fully open and thriving. And Walz would have been recalled long ago.

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Post sharing another liberty focused group's being attacked by outside efforts, and Mr Grange again provides talking points from campaign appearing as a citizen, not a paid spokesperson.

ALPHANEWSMN.COM


Drazkowski: Minnesota GOP swamp creatures trying to pick their own legislators - Alpha News

 Jackson Harvey, Bryan Tonsager and 5 others

57 Comments

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 Dustin Grage Are you kidding me, Joe?

IE's have been run against Bob for months now, and now IE's are bad when they are against Mort?

Bob has already stated he doesn't endorse the IE's and even denounced one. (Never Trumper IE from the Job's Coalition)


While Mort literally endorsed grifter organizations that spend money in this district that you yourself say are bad organizations.

Or even with \$100,000 in spending from the Freedom Club last cycle (\$10,000 this cycle)

Not to mention Alpha News is funded by the folks at Freedom Club. So isn't this article essentially a money laundered IE?


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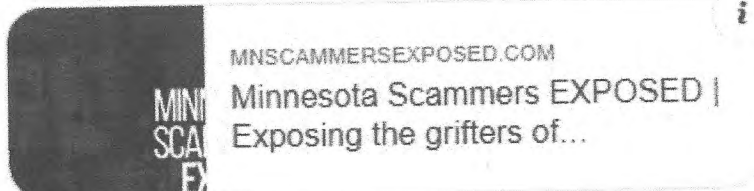


 Dustin Grage Pinhead, the organization that spends the money also owns the printing company.


Yes, grifters.

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 Dustin Grage www.mnscammersexposed.com



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 Pinhead Goldberg But they are actually sending out the material, right? So how are they grifters? I keep hearing people talk about these guys, who both do nothing in one breath and then are working against Republicans in another breath. You can't have it both ways.

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 Dustin Grage Actually, that's the point.

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These people literally advertise as an issues and lobbying organization and file as a for profit corporation because they were stripped of their non profit status.

If Keith Ellison wasn't the AG, they would've been charged with a crime by now. Unfortunately because they benefit Democrats they are still operating in Minnesota.

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Dustin Grage Plus, that's not even the end of it.

One of Erik's best friends, Jake Duesenberg operates Action 4 Liberty.

This organization pays out 80% of its funds to one person, Jake Duesenberg.

Action 4 Liberty donated \$1,000 to Erik's campaign.

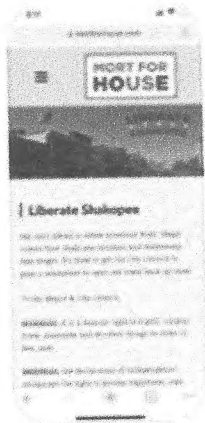
There is also a very strict rule that PACs cannot coordinate with campaigns. Which is why IEs shouldn't be associated to campaigns unless the candidates endorse them.

Well, Jake and Erik manage "Liberate Shakopee" together. This is a campaign operated effort paid and prepared for by Erik Mortensen for House.

Attached are images to prove this.

And there is EVEN MORE.

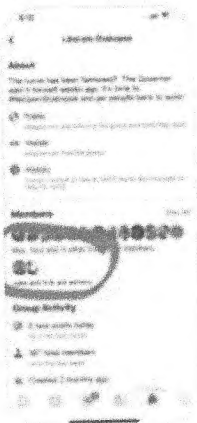
But I have a baby who is due for an 8oz bottle of milk. So I'll stop there for now.



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Dustin Grage



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Pinhead Goldberg Unfortunately, in a close race IEs are inevitable, and they are often negative. The more desperate the people trying to buy the legislator are, the more negative they get. So I always look at who is paying for the IEs. What kind of people want this person in the legislature? Are they looking to cement the status quo, or to change the way things are done? If you think MN government is awesome the way it is, go with the candidate funded by the establishment groups, and if not go with the candidate funded by the groups that want things to change.



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Dustin Grage Pinhead, negative VS lies are very different.

The Jobs Coalition mailer on Erik being a 'Never Trump.

Lie.

The Jobs Coalition mailer on Erik losing a seat for Republicans for the first time in 20+ years.

True.

Aside from that, one candidate has denounced them, Erik on the other hand celebrates them, endorses them, and even is pictured with them at his campaign events.

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Pinhead Goldberg Every Republican in the South Metro lost that year. Loonan would have lost too. So maybe it's not a lie, but it's also not the truth.

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The remaining comments are off a post shared by Joanne O'Loughling voicing her support for Erik. Again, DG provides commentary including accusations of slander waged against Mortensen.



Dustin Grage This is ridiculous.

- Bob is literally the NRA Endorsed candidate and has a lifetime "A" Rating the Gun Owners Caucus and has taught Gun safety to hundreds of kids in Shakopee.

- CCAP is a solid program designed to get childcare to families who couldn't afford it to get out of poverty. Which eventually gets more people off of welfare. Yeah, some people took advantage of the program. That's to say the program needs some adjustments, but saves a lot of money in the long term.

- He literally voted to end taxpayer funded abortions and has a lifetime "A" rating with MCCL.

- 169 Bridge is a Transportation infrastructure project that is a completely separate funding mechanism. This proves Erik doesn't have the slightest clue how to operate a budget let alone be qualified to serve as a State Representative.

- Omnibus bills are single subject and 100% constitutional. Further proving his incompetence of how committees work.

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Mike Miklas Dustin Grage , Thank you for providing more concrete examples. I'm getting tired of research and typing. Mort supporters don't want answers to these questions, they want to blindly support him and claim ignorance of his campaign lies.

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Dustin Grage Mike,

I point blank asked on his page why he was lying about this crap and never got a response. Because he knows they're full of crap.

He's also endorsed by an outside group called Young Americans for Liberty. Great group of Conservatives, I happen to be a former State Chair in Minnesota for the group. The slogan is called "Winning On Principle"

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I may not always agree with Bob on every single issue as Libertarian, but he's upfront and knows his stuff. He has a solid voting record and listens.

Not to mention Mort has a ton of outside money being poured into his race and actively is targeting his own Party that is losing majorities in St. Paul because of it.

All to raise a little money for his swamp rat friends who accomplish nothing.

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Dustin Grage Carrie, Exactly!

All I know is that Mort works and supports orgs that work directly against Republicans in Minnesota.

He's quoted by a couple contacts of mine who are GOP affiliates that he loves the division amount Republicans.

Mort endorses these people and is an accomplice to grifting. Its one big joke that is the reason the DFL has the State House.

Not to mention he lost a really safe Republican seat.

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Dustin Grage Joseph Ditto, just stop. This is most piss poor argument ever displayed in my 8 years of political activism.

Here is the so called "Voted for Publicly funded abortions" BS you all are pushing.

I don't know about you, but I've participated in the March for life in DC three times, served as a State Board member for Student for Life, have donated \$10,000 in website labor to pregnancy resource centers across the United States, and work with the 40 Days for Life campaign.

You're talking about .06% of abortions.

This is slander. Mortensen is full of crap and endorses grifters. You people have zero idea what you're talking about when it comes to pro-life apologetics and it's your main talking point.

This isn't an issue, and we wonder why people are mad at Mortensen's campaign. Not to mention y'all lost a safe Republican seat.

This isn't an argument. It's slander.



Dustin Grage Tony, BS. Show me him saying this.

Bob is unequivocally against Red Flag Laws. Anyone who's that doesn't know how to properly handle a Glock 19.

This is just more slander, and anyone who reads through these comments sees that.

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Joseph Ditto Dustin Grage, does your unwavering support for Loonan have anything to do with the fact that he's given your company five thousand dollars? Disclosure much? 😊

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Loonan, Robert (R) 2 House Dist. 6th Committee

Disclosed Campaign Committee

Disc No: 11284

Disc Name: 00 Dustin Marketing

127 Grage Boulevard

4517

Shoreville, MN 55126

Date	Specific Purpose of Contribution	From	Amount	In Kind	Total
08/04/18	Public Relations Fundraising Service	1,000.00	5.00	0.00	1,005.00
01/15/18	Public Relations Fundraising Service	3,000.00	4.00	0.00	3,004.00
	Campaign Advisory Service				
Totals: Total 00 Dustin Marketing			4,000.00	9.00	4,009.00

Number: 27 Minnesota Services

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Dustin Grage Joseph & Erik. If any of you subscribe to my stuff you'd realize I only take on clients I believe in. I take "Winning On Principle" very seriously.

A phrase your campaign disregards at every turn.

Clients get interviewed by me, not the other way around.

In regards to campaigns vendors and contributors, let's talk about that now that I know you aren't ignoring me finally.

I offer the lowest rates in Minnesota. You do realize Liberty Longbeard's LLC was given a \$15,000 contract last year from your campaigns largest contributor?

Or that Jake Duesenberg took a mass majority of his orgs funds to pay a personal salary, and accomplished nothing in the process. I believe it was in the ballpark of \$80,000.

Or that you Erik — you openly endorsed a grifter organization that took hundreds of thousands from innocent people. This point alone makes you a public enemy of conservatives across the Nation. Attempt to question my allegiance to Bob, just reference your endorsement to the biggest political scam artists in the United States.

Ufda. Don't pretend to have the high ground. Obi Wan Kenobi would disagree.

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Jeff E Powers Reading this Mortensen is the best choice out of the rest.

Like · Reply · 2w



Dustin Grage Jeff, I encourage you read through the comments closer. Just because it's on this (BS) graphic doesn't make it true.

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Deborah Peterson Jeff E Powers make me puke.


Like · Reply · 2w



Jeff E Powers Deborah Peterson Why

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Joanne O'Loughlin  Author Dustin Grage prove. It Wrong.

Like · Reply · 2w



Jeff E Powers Joanne O'Loughlin Look all a liberal cities how are they doing. Seattle Minneapolis just to name a few.

Like · Reply · 2w



Dustin Grage Joanne, Just read through the comments. I still have to catch up on some of them. But the way Mort runs this campaign is a strong case for a defamation lawsuit.

The amount of hypocrisy blows my mind. I'll definitely touch base on comments more later on in the day. Unfortunately I have to catch up on some other things at my job before I spend it arguing ridiculous claims in a community page.

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Dorothy LeDuc Thank you for sharing - I appreciate it. Whether you support abortion or life matters. I believe it shows your character and colors every other decision you will make.

Like · Reply · 2w



Dustin Grage Dorothy LeDuc, so you should probably support Loonan because he has a 100% voting record with MCCL and Eric lied on his MCCL survey.

Like · Reply · 2w



Joel Arnold Dorothy LeDuc I support life. I also support a woman's right to choose what she does with her body. I hate this false dichotomy of either you support abortion or life.

Like · Reply · 2w



Tony LaLonde 🗣️ Dustin Grage what was the lie?

Like · Reply · 2w



Tony LaLonde 🗣️ Joel Arnold what about the body of the baby innocently growing? What about that baby's choice?

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Dustin Grage Claiming he will introduce and pass a Life at Conception Bill and Bob wouldn't vote for it.

That goes against the gradually (Effective) approach to passing pro-life legislation in a Democrat run State.

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Dustin Grage Erik, care to to tell everyone why you endorse grifting scammers? Perhaps they spent 30K against you because the HRCC SRCC, and MNGOP has made a joint effort to expose these groups.

And dude, there was well over \$100,000 from outside groups spent on your campaign.

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Gerald Ramsey Dustin Grage get a real job

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Dustin Grage Gerald, I have one dude.

I own a Web Development and Digital Marketing agency that not only grew, but hired during a pandemic.

Lol

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