



## COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT

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City, state, zip	PRESTON, MN 55965
Title of respondent (if applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator)	

Harlin Taylor  
Signature of person filing complaint

9/16/04  
Date

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Suite 190, Centennial Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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10.A.13 subd. 1.(2)  
10.A.01 subd. 26  
MR 4503.0900 subp. 3

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

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](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us)

**Nature of complaint**

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

SEE Attached complaint (page 18) and exhibits A-H.

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.

Campaign Finance And Public Disclosure Board  
First Floor South  
Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St Paul, MN 55155-1603

## INTRODUCTION

I ask the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to review the attached complaint and grant the relief requested. I do this on behalf of the Hanson for House Committee as its treasurer.

The Hanson for House Committee's purpose in bringing this complaint is to uphold the principles of the state campaign finance law and to end what we believe to be serious and ongoing campaign finance improprieties committed by the People for (Gregory) Davids Committee. We believe taxpayer dollars are being misused. The level playing field envisioned by the campaign finance law and spending limits does not appear to exist where this committee is involved.

We would not take this action if we believed the improprieties were isolated, inadvertent, de minimis or technical in nature. We bring this complaint because we see what we believe to be a pervasive and excessive pattern of misclassification of campaign expenditures as noncampaign disbursements. In the case of the People for Davids Committee, we believe this has rendered the campaign spending limits essentially meaningless. We believe in particular, this committee has extensively abused the category of "constituent services expenditures" to avoid the constraints of the campaign spending limits.

This lavish – and we believe impermissible - use of the "constituent services" category by the People for Davids Committee allows Rep. Davids to be the top spender of all members of and candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives in each of the last five years.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board has consistently stated "*Generally, funds in a candidate's principle campaign committee may only be used for expenditures related to the conduct of an election campaign as listed in Minn. Stat. Chapter 211B.12, specific noncampaign disbursements contained in Minn. Stat. section 10A.01, subd. 26, or other activity that the Board determines involves a noncampaign disbursement within the meaning of subdivision 26.*" (Foreward, Advisory Opinion #346). The definition section of this opinion states under Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4503.0900: "**Subp. 3. Reporting purpose of noncampaign disbursements.** *Itemization of an expense which is classified as a noncampaign disbursement must include sufficient information to justify the classification.*"

The People for Davids Committee's 2004 pre-primary report claim \$22,949.75 as noncampaign disbursements. In our following complaint we dispute \$15,058.89 of these as either misclassified campaign expenditures or expenditures without the documentation required to justify a noncampaign disbursement classification.

We ask the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to consider our complaint and provide the requested relief as soon as possible and to ensure a level playing field by requiring the People for Davids Committee to play by the rules. There are only 46 days left before the general election. Time is of the essence.

## **ISSUE ONE**

Has the People for Davids Committee failed to comply with the requirement that it report all campaign travel expense?

### **FACTS**

There is no itemization of expenses for travel within the district for campaign purposes. The only entry for campaign expenditure mileage is an 8/13/2004 reimbursement to Greg Davids for out of district travel in the amount of \$87.00. The Hanson for House Committee keeps a log of campaign mileage. It reported \$843.90 in its pre-primary report and expects to report approximately \$1500 in total for in-district campaign travel expense. Representative Davids has been observed campaigning all over the district. It is not credible that the People for Davids Committee has incurred no in-district campaign travel expenses.

### **LAW**

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 10A.13 **Accounts that must be kept**, under subd. 1.(2) states: "*The name and address of each source of a contribution made to the committee, fund, or party unit in excess of \$20, together with the date and amount of each.*" Use of a car is a campaign expenditure unless it is a noncampaign disbursement for purposes defined in Minn. Stat. Chapter 10A.01, subd. 26. Use of a car is calculated at 30 cents per mile. Travel in excess of 66 miles in a given day is therefore a reportable campaign expense whether it is an in-kind donation or reimbursed to the owner of the car.

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

We ask the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to request a log of Rep. Davids' mileage. In the absence of mileage documentation, we ask for a remedy of declaring the People for Davids committee's campaign mileage expense as equal to the Hanson for House Committee's mileage and a directive that the People for Davids Committee document all future campaign mileage expenses.

## **ISSUE TWO**

Should the expenditure of \$618.28 for "constituent services, business cards and postcards" listed as a noncampaign disbursement be re-classified as a campaign expenditure?

### **FACTS**

On 5/10/04 the People for Davids Committee paid \$618.28 to Kelly Printing for an item listed as "constituent services, business cards and postcards." There is no detailed description of the purpose of these business cards and postcards.

## **ISSUE THREE**

Should the cumulative total of \$ 3,231.71 for postage listed as noncampaign disbursements be re-classified as campaign expenditures?

### **FACTS**

Between 1/7 and 5/7, all postage of \$2,760.61 is listed as constituent services. Between 6/16 and 7/10, all postage is split between noncampaign disbursements at \$471.20 and campaign expenditures at \$471.20. There are no postage expenses from 7/11 until filing. None of us have heard about any constituent service mailings from the People for Davids Committee between 1/7 and 5/7. We do know Rep. Davids himself mailed at least one campaign contribution solicitation during this period (Exhibit A).

Rep. Davids presumably had not exhausted his "legislature...allotted...postage for constituent services" by January 7, 2004 (Exhibit B). There is no detailed description of the purpose of these multiple, large mailings. Each is listed as "constituent services postage".

#### **ISSUE FOUR**

Should \$522.00 for out of district mileage be re-classified as campaign expenditures?

#### **FACTS**

A total of \$522.00 is classified as noncampaign disbursements. Each entry is listed as "constituent services, out of district travel." \$87 is listed on each of 3/30, 4/5, 4/13, and 5/3. \$174 is listed on 4/27. There is no detailed description of the purpose of these out of district trips.

#### **LAW: ISSUES TWO, THREE AND FOUR**

Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subd.3 (g) states that a report must disclose "*the amount, date and purpose of each expenditure*" and subd. 3(l) states "*The report must disclose the name and address of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have been made that aggregate in excess of \$100 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement.*" (Emphasis added).

Minn. Rules, Chapter 4503.0900, subp. 3, states "*Itemization of an expense which is classified as a noncampaign disbursement must include sufficient information to justify the classification.*"

In a March 23, 1998 letter (exhibit C) to the People for Davids Committee the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board states: "*It is not sufficient for this review to list only **the broad categories of noncampaign disbursements** as set forth in Minn. Stat. section 10A.01, subd. 10C.*" (Emphasis added). In 2004 these are set forth in Minn. Stat. section 10A.01, subd. 26.

Advisory Opinion 320 states this guiding principle in its opinion of issue one: "*Examination of the reporting provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A makes it clear that a primary purpose of those provisions is to provide the public with meaningful information about how registered entities are using money raised for political purposes.*"

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED: ISSUES TWO, THREE AND FOUR**

In the absence of documentation to the contrary, we request that these expenses be re-classified from noncampaign disbursements to campaign expenditures. We believe that none of them, as detailed, reasonably meet statutory purposes and reporting requirements for noncampaign expenditures.

#### **ISSUE FIVE**

Should the expense of \$ 5,172.81 for "I have an idea for you" ads be re-classified from noncampaign disbursements to campaign expenditures?

#### **FACTS**

Examples of the print version of this ad are enclosed (exhibits D-H). Between 4/6/04 and 7/1/04 there are 16 items of "Idea ads" classified as noncampaign disbursements that total \$3729.81. These items were paid to various local newspapers. Between 2/6/04 and 6/26/04 there are six items of "Idea radio ads" listed as noncampaign disbursements totaling \$1443.00. Noncampaign disbursements for Idea ads totaled \$5127.81. All of these items are listed as "constituent services, Idea Ads". There is no detailed description of the purpose of these advertisements.

## LAW

We cite Advisory Opinion 275 of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. This opinion found that the cost for signs reading "*Legislative Questions? Contact State Representative---*", followed by your name and telephone number" were campaign expenditures and must be reported as such. The opinion goes on to state:

**"Services for a constituent; constituent services.** "Services for a constituent" or "constituent services" means services performed or provided by an incumbent legislator or constitutional officer for the benefit of one or more residents of the official's district, but does not include gifts, congratulatory advertisements, charitable contributions, or similar expenditures. Minn. Rules 4503.0100, subp. 6.....Based on this definition and on the fact that **an exception to the general principle is to be interpreted narrowly**, (emphasis added) the Board concludes that advertising your availability to answer questions is not the provision of a constituent service. However it is possible that actual costs of assisting constituents who call as a result of these advertisements would be noncampaign disbursements for constituent services."

We also cite the following from the Opinion section of Advisory Opinion # 248 by the Ethical Practices Board:

*"In order to be a constituent service the item must, in fact, serve the constituent in some way. Acts which are primarily designed to enhance the giver's reputation (and presumably the chance for re-election) are not services to constituents.....What a written piece actually says will often determine whether it provides a service to the constituent or is for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of the candidate. If the primary purpose of the piece is to influence the nomination or election of a candidate, it does not provide a constituent service. In some cases it may not be readily apparent whether a piece constitutes a valid constituent service or not. To give an opinion in more specific terms, the board would need to examine specific examples of proposed materials."*

We believe the People for Davids Committee's "Idea ads" raise identical issues to those addressed in Advisory Opinion 275. We actually believe these ads are arguably less defensible as a constituent service since they actually ask constituents to provide Rep. Davids with services: ideas, names, addresses and phone numbers. We believe the primary purpose of these ads is self-promotion by blanketing the district with hundreds of thousands of copies of Rep. Davids' picture along with his address and phone number. We note that these same ads have been listed in 2004 and previous years after the close of the legislative session as campaign expenditures precisely because they serve the purpose of enhancing Rep. Davids' name recognition and visibility.

We ask the Campaign Finance Board to review what these ads "*actually say*" and rule on the classification of these costs accordingly. We also note, in passing, that the address and phone on these print ads is the same as those listed by Rep. Davids as his business address and phone in his Statement of Economic Interest filed with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

## RELIEF REQUESTED

We ask the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to re-classify the print and radio "Idea ads" as campaign expenditures.

## ISSUE SIX

Should the expense of \$ \$4,888.31 for office rent, phone, utilities, office equipment and office supplies not detailed otherwise in the above issues 1-5 be re-classified as campaign expenditures?

## FACTS

\$4,888.31 in expenses in the following list have been classified as noncampaign disbursements, constituent services: Taken in alphabetical order of appearance from Schedule B1-NCD:

AT & T, constituent services, phone, 1/23,3/7, 3/29,5/15, 6/22	\$182.22
Century Telephone, Constituent services, phone, 1/5, 2/6, 3/11, 4/16, 5/21, 6/5, 7/6	594.03
Greg Davids, constituent services, office supplies, 1/23	64.19
Greg Davids, constituent services, office supplies, 2/1	32.44
Greg Davids, constituent services, envelopes, 2/12	255.14
Greg Davids, constituent services, computer repair, 3/13	110.36
Leslie Hinz, constituent services, cards, 4/26	127.80
Midwest Wireless, constituent services, phone, 1/12, 2/6, 3/11, 4/16, 5/21, 6/26, 7/12	1,407.17
Minnesota Historical Society, constituent services, cards, 4/21, 4/23	134.19
Public Utilities Commission, constituent services, utilities for office, 1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/16, ?/?, ?/?	180.77
Rustad Office Bldg., constituent services, Rent for office-constituent meetings, 1/2, 2/6, 3/12, 5/7, 6/9, 7/12	<u>1,800.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$4,888.31

## LAW

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In the instance of the computer repair listed as a constituent service: We believe the only reason a campaign committee could pay for a computer repair is for a computer that is the property of the committee. We believe that committee owned computers and therefore their repairs are campaign expenses. We note that the People for Davids committee purchased a computer in 2002 for \$1817.15 and classified it (erroneously, we believe) as a noncampaign disbursement. We cite the Ethical Practices Board's Advisory Opinions #211 and #228 in support of this belief.

**#211 Question:**

*"Is your principal campaign committee's purchase of a computer and printer to be reported as a campaign expenditure and, therefore, to be subject to the applicable campaign expenditure limit?"*

**#211 Opinion:**

*"Yes. Generally, the funds from which a candidate's principal campaign committee may elect to purchase equipment for the committee have accumulated as a result of contributions made to the committee to influence the nomination or election of the candidates. Your campaign committee's purchase of computer equipment from contributions made to your committee must be reported as a campaign expenditure on your committee's periodic report that covers the period in which the equipment was purchased. Minn. Stat. Sec. 10A.01. subd. 10, Sec. 10A.25"*

**#228 Issue Two:**

*"May you purchase a computer in 1996 with campaign funds?"*

**#228 Opinion:**

*"Minnesota Statutes section 10A does not preclude the purchase of a computer with campaign funds. Minnesota Statutes Chap. 211B, which is not under the jurisdiction of the board governs the purposes for which campaign funds may be used.....If you do purchase a computer with campaign funds, the entire purchase price should be reported as a campaign expenditure in the year in which the purchase is made or the obligation to pay for the goods is incurred."*

In the opinion section of Advisory Opinion #318 the Board states: *"The Board also notes that political contributions are often refunded to donors through the political contribution refund program. The effect of this refund is that donor money is replaced by public money. The state's public subsidy program encourages use of public money for the election of candidates. **However, the fact that public money may also be used for noncampaign disbursements requires that those categories of committee spending be narrowly interpreted.**"*(Emphasis added).

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

In the absence of documentation to the contrary, we request that these expenses be re-classified from noncampaign disbursements to campaign expenditures. We believe that none of them, as detailed, reasonably meet statutory purposes and reporting requirements for noncampaign expenditures.

**Miscellaneous additional disputed noncampaign disbursements:** from Schedule B1-NCD

Greg Davids, constituent services, hotel, 3/5; hotel & meeting, 5/15	\$325.59
ECM Publishing, constituent services, inserts, ??	96.15
Houston County News, constituent services, Inserts, 7/12	121.17
Tri-County Publishing, constituent services, Inserts, 4/27	<u>82.87</u>
Subtotal	\$625.78

**Law and Relief Requested:** The same citations as in previous issues 2-4, 6. In the absence of documentation to the contrary, we request that these expenses be re-classified from noncampaign disbursements to campaign expenditures. We believe none of them, as detailed, reasonably meet statutory purposes and reporting requirements for noncampaign expenditures.



## SUMMARY

In the People for Davids Committee's 2004 pre-primary report, total noncampaign disbursements are \$22,949.75. The Hanson for House Committee has challenged the majority of these, \$15,058.89, as misclassified campaign expenditures or inadequately documented noncampaign disbursements subject to re-classification. We have cited Minn. Stat. section 10A.01, subd. 26, (1-18) and Subd. 3. (I); Rules 4503.0900 Noncampaign Disbursements, Subpart 1. (A-E) and Subp. 3.; and relevant Advisory Opinions of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to support our challenges. We have asked the Board to request documentation of campaign travel expenses from the People for Davids Committee. We have also asked the Board for relief by re-classifying, as they see fit, any noncampaign disbursements they determine to be misclassified or missing requisite detail.

We have provided extensive documentation to support our introductory claim of *"serious and ongoing campaign finance improprieties committed by the People for (Gregory) Davids Committee."* At this time we also note the People for Davids Committee's spending in 2003 was \$48,367 vs. an average for other House members of \$6,847. Of this total, \$39,282.46 was for noncampaign disbursements. This alone is seven times the campaign expenditure limit in this non-election year. We repeat our prior assertions: *"this committee has extensively abused the category of 'constituent services expenditures' to avoid the constraints of the campaign spending limits."* and *"In the case of the People for Davids Committee, we believe this has rendered the campaign spending limits essentially meaningless."* Finally, we note that Representative Davids has received the highest per diem payments of any member of the House in 2004, and in 2003 was the fourth highest.

We ask the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to hold the People for Davids to the same standards of campaign spending and reporting practices as are met by the vast majority of legislators and candidates in the State of Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration,



**Harlin Taylor, Treasurer,  
Hanson for House Committee.  
RR 2, Box 83  
Lanesboro, MN 55949**

Date: 9/16/04

Enclosures: Table of exhibits (page 8); Exhibits, labeled A-H.

## TABLE OF EXHIBITS

**Exhibit A:** January, 2004 fund-raising letter from Greg Davids to constituent. Letter passed on to Hanson for House Committee on 1/20/04. **NOTE! We respectfully request that the identity of the individual who forwarded this letter to the Hanson for House Committee be kept confidential.**

**Exhibit B:** March 25, 1998. Greg Davids' reply to Ethical Practices Board concerning the March 23, 1998 request to Matthew Quanrud, treasurer, People for (Gregory) Davids Committee. Note issue 2.

**Exhibit C:** March 23, 1998 letter from Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to Matthew Quanrud, Treasurer, People for (Gregory) Davids Committee requesting additional information for Report of Receipts and Expenditures covering the period of calendar year 1997. Paragraphs 1-5.

**Exhibits D-H:** Examples of "I have an idea for you..." advertisements. Various dates, styles and newspapers.

EXHIBIT  
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1/20/2004

**Gregory M. Davids**  
State Representative

District 31B  
Fillmore, Mower, Winona  
and Olmsted Counties



# Minnesota House of Representatives

**CHAIR-COMMERCE, JOBS and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
COMMITTEES: JOBS and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE;  
ETHICS, REGULATED INDUSTRIES, ELECTRICAL ENERGY TASK FORCE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Welcome to 2004! It sure seems that time flies by these days. I sincerely hope you had a great 2003, and that the upcoming year will be filled with blessings, happiness and good fortune for you and your families.

For me personally, the past year in the Legislature was filled with many tough decisions and careful choices. As you know, we faced a \$4.5 billion deficit. We were able to come together as Minnesotans and solve most of that economic mess without raising your tax burdens. It's that kind of cooperation and accomplishment that always makes me so confident in Minnesotans and their abilities to overcome obstacles.

While the economy is growing briskly again, you can not foresee what the future holds and we must remain on fiscal guard. It is important that legislators from all parties strive to work together to tackle the problems that lie ahead and find fair solutions for all those involved. With the 2004 session of the Minnesota Legislature set to start in early February, you have my word that I will work with everyone to make sure we do what is best for you, your family and your friends and neighbors.

It will cost over \$25,000 to run my re-election campaign. That includes things such as my legislative questionnaire and session wrapup, radio and newspaper ads, brochures and mailings. I can not do these things without your much-appreciated continued financial contribution.

I would appreciate your generous donation. You can contribute and participate in the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund program and your contribution can cost you nothing! If you gave in 2003, you can now take part in the 2004 refund program. Through the PCR program, you can receive a full refund of your donation, up to \$50 per individual or \$100 per married couple. You and every adult in your home can write a check to the People for Davids Committee for up to \$50 per person and get it all back. Shortly after receiving your donation, my committee will send you a receipt and form to send in to get your refund. On average, refunds will be returned to you in about 4 to 6 weeks.

Please remember, if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As Always Yours,  
Your Friend,



Gregory M. Davids

State Representative

District 31B

Fillmore, Mower, Winona,  
and Olmsted Counties

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EXHIBIT  
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# Minnesota House of Representatives

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AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE; SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION AND EFFICIENCY

March 25, 1998

12604-31B

Ethical Practices Board  
Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Gary and Billie,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to visit with me regarding my 1997 report. I will try to clarify the issues we discussed. If this letter does not adequately address your questions, please let me know and I will give you any information you need.

Each issue is addressed below as I noted them at our meeting.

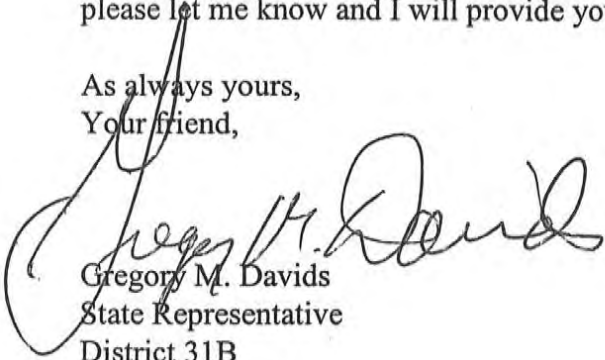
1. Walter Drake labels - these are return address labels used for constituent services only.
2. As a member of the legislature we are allotted a certain amount of postage for constituent services. With my volume of mail, the amount provided is totally inadequate. My postage purchases are for constituent service mailings. I usually exhaust my state postage in April or May and must finish the rest of the year's constituent services with postage from my campaign fund.
3. I have two phones for constituent services only. I use Cellular 2000 more, but I have kept the AT&T Wireless as a back up. Another reason I have kept it is that I have a very inexpensive government rate that I do not wish to forfeit.
4. I rent a classroom at the former Harmony Elementary School for constituent meetings. In 1997 the school sold the building to the city, so now the rent checks go to the city. This is constituent services only.
5. As we discussed, the D & D Variety entry is for constituent services envelopes and letterhead. It also includes large envelopes bought to send sixth graders packets for Minnesota project assignments.
6. The other office supplies are primarily copy machine toner and drums, fax paper, copy paper, etc. for constituent services only.
7. Lodging is for the amount charged by the Kelly Inn above what we are allowed for lodging during the session.



8. Mileage is for out-of-district travel when we are not in session. Constituent services only. It also includes constituent travel when we are in session.
9. As we discussed, sympathy cards, honor roll advertisements, congratulatory advertisements should be moved to **campaign expense**. I have also calculated that \$120.00 of postage for these cards should be moved over to **campaign expense**. \$1,204.31 should be added to the \$1,441.55 campaign expenditure. The new total for campaign expenses for 1997 should be \$2,645.86. My non-campaign expenditures should be reduced by \$1,204.31. Please use this letter to amend my return in lieu of any other forms.

I trust this letter will clarify the previously reported information. If you need further information, please let me know and I will provide you with the information as soon as possible.

As always yours,  
Your friend,



Gregory M. Davids  
State Representative  
District 31B

EXHIBIT  
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**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**  
First Floor South, Centennial Building  
658 Cedar Street . St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

**DATE:** March 23, 1998

**TO:** Matthew Quanrud, treasurer #12604  
People for (Gregory) Davids Committee  
308 Pleasant Street NE  
Preston, MN 55965

**FROM:** Billie Errico *B. Errico*  
Compliance Officer

**SUBJECT:** Request for additional information for Report of Receipts and Expenditures covering the period of calendar year 1997

A review of the report identified above found that the filing is incomplete and that additional information is required to clarify reported information.

Your disclosure for noncampaign disbursements on Schedule B requires additional explanation regarding the specific purpose of each disbursement.

If the noncampaign disbursements are to individuals for reimbursement of expenses incurred Minn. Stat. §10A.20, subd. 13 requires that you report the purpose of the expense being reimbursed. Please provide a detailed description of the expenses being reimbursed including the names and addresses of original vendors, dates and amounts of each expense, and the specific purpose of the expenditure.

To describe the purpose of each noncampaign disbursement, provide a detailed description of the actual goods or services purchased and their ultimate use. Minn. Rules 4503-0900, subp. 3, states that itemization of an expense which is classified as a noncampaign disbursement must include sufficient information to justify the classification. You should also list the specific noncampaign disbursement under which you believe each disbursement falls. It is not sufficient for the purpose of this review to list only the broad categories of noncampaign disbursements as set forth in Minn. Stat. §10A.01, subd. 10C.

Under Minn. Rules Chapter 4503.0100, subp. 6, honor roll ads, sympathy, congratulatory and other cards, as well as any expenses associated them, are campaign expenditures.

Please review your records and supply the additional information either by submitting an amended report or by supplying the information by letter. You should file your response to the request with this office no later than April 2, 1998.

When all reports have been received and entered, a reconciliation of contributions made and received between committees will be conducted. You may receive additional correspondence

from this office, should there be a discrepancy involving your committee, as a result of this reconciliation.

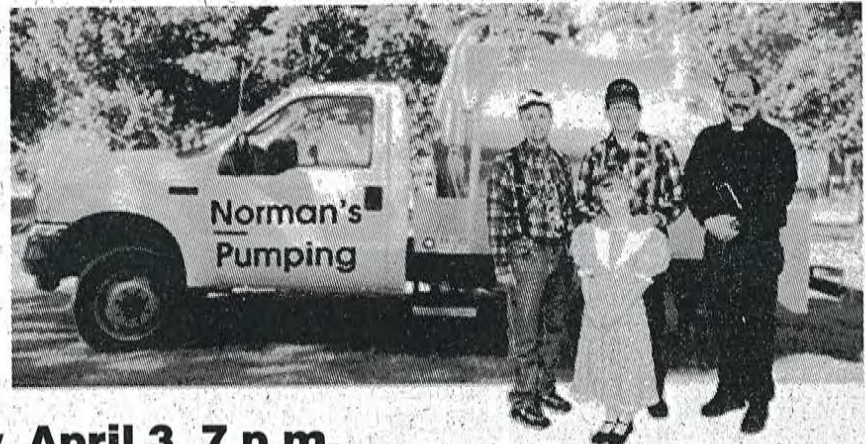
Should you want assistance or have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to telephone me at 612-282-6894 or 800-657-3889.

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# The Norwegian Bachelors' Easter

A mini musical

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**SURGERY:** Did you or a loved one have vascular surgery to treat an abdominal aortic aneurysm since September, 1999? If a stent device was implanted and led to **internal bleeding, damaged arteries, removal of the device, corrective surgery or death**, call James Rolshouse and Associates toll free at 1-800-820-4167 or visit us **on-line at www.rolshouselaw.com** to find out about your legal rights. Ask about the Guidant Ancure Stent-Graft Device.

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Community Foundation and a member of Preston United Methodist Church, where he was a past chairman of the board and an usher for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Patricia Mattson of Peterson; two sons, David (Jan) of Stewartville and Randy (Lori) of Rochester; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Clair (Marian) of Chatfield; and a sister, Marietta (Glenn) Fjerstad of Isle, Minn.

The funeral for Keith R. Gartner, was April 17, 2004 at Preston United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Carolyn Westlake officiating. Burial was in Preston United Methodist Cemetery. Thauwald Funeral Home in Preston was in charge of arrangements.

**Tena Buss**

Tena Buss, 84, formerly of Chatfield, died March 31, 2004 at Whitewater Healthcare Center in St. Charles, where she had lived since May 17, 2001.

Tena Tuin was born Jan. 21, 1920, in Sibley, Iowa. On Jan. 20, 1938, she married George Buss Sr. in Sioux Falls, S.D. They lived in Adrian, Minn., until 1955 and then in Dover until moving to Chatfield in 1969. Mrs. Buss worked in environmental services at Saint Marys Hospital. Her husband died Oct. 25, 1987.

Survivors include five sons, Dallas (Rita) of Rockford, Ill., George (Jeanne) of Elba, Lonnie of Atlanta, and Lyle (Deb) and Darwin (Carol), both of Chatfield; seven daughters, Sharon (Lee) Hammel and Marilyn (Gary) Brockway, both of Eyota, Sharilyn (Ron) Solberg of Denver, Star (Lee) Kester of

Chatfield, Doreen (Dave) Johnson of DeWitt, Iowa; Janet (Dwight) Jorgensen of St. Ansgar, Iowa, Kathryn (Wayne) Halvorson of Chatfield, Annette Hagen of Northwood, Iowa; and Ruth (James) Dieterich of Galesburg, Ill.; 33 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Velma Matheis of Adams, Betty Landherr of LeRoy, and Louise Landherr of Austin. He was preceded in death by a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

The funeral for Wilmer Landherr was April 3, 2004 in Visitation Catholic Church, Stacyville, Iowa, with the Rev. Mark Reasoner officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Eleanor Lucille Thacher**

Eleanor Lucille Thacher, 83, of Harmony, died April 4, 2004 at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, Wis.

Eleanor Lucille Berning was born April 13, 1920, and attended Crystal Springs rural school through eighth grade. In 1940, she married Wylie Thacher. Mrs. Thacher began working at the Townhouse as a waitress in the 1960s. She was known for her baking and had been featured in Successful Farming magazine.

Survivors include a son, Wynn (Margit); three grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister.

The funeral for Eleanor Lucille Thacher was April 8, 2004 at Root River Church of the Brethren in rural Harmony. Burial was in Greenleafon Cemetery. Lindstrom Funeral Home, Harmony was in charge of arrangements.

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home and farmed with his parents. On June 22, 1950, he married Lois Marie Blume at Belle Plaine, Minn. He continued farming with his dad until they moved to the Peterson area in 1955. He worked at various jobs besides farming and was a member of the Highland Prairie dartball team until they disbanded. He attended Grace Lutheran Church in Peterson where he was a member of Lutheran Brotherhood and was financial secretary for many years. In 1989, they joined St. John's Lutheran Church at Hart, Minn. where he served as trustee, LLL and LC Extension Fund representative, and was a member of the evening Bible study group.

Survivors include his wife Lois, seven sons: Mark (Kathy) of Escondido, Calif.; Paul of West Brook Maine; Joel (Julie) of Lanesboro; John (Charlene) of rural Decorah, Iowa; James (Bev) of LeRoy; Daniel (Kathy) of Trumansburg, NY; and Philip (Michele) of Omaha, Nebr. Two daughters: Ruth Cranley, of Rushford; and Elisabeth (Keith) Alexander of LeMars, Iowa. Also 18 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, two step-great grandchildren; and one brother Lloyd (Susie) of Dallas, Tex. He was preceded in death by his parents, a stillborn daughter; a sister Vivian Niemann, and a daughter-in-law Linda Loven.

Funeral services for Orval Loven were March 23, 2004 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hart, Minn. Burial was in East Grace Cemetery, Peterson. Hoff Funeral Home-Rushford Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Exhibit H

have a few thousand troupers, who unfortunately access to automatic weapons, anti-tank weapons, and sophisticated military hardware, is making it very difficult to keep troops on the ground. And it a pretty picture to watch.

8,000 earmarks. The truth of the matter is that this has gotten out of hand in terms of pork barrel projects.

Even the Transportation Bill, which I voted against last week, had a number of special projects in the bill. In 1982 Ronald Reagan vetoed the Transportation

have begun to get the attention of our colleagues, now the leadership and the President are going to institute spending caps and pay-go rules in terms of how the budget is put together. I think that will make a real difference.

And frankly, I hope the President will veto the Transportation Bill to send a message to Congress that we need to control federal spending.

The economy is showing signs of strengthening and things are beginning to pick up. Once we see increased growth it will make our budget woes seem more manageable. We could be back to a balanced budget environment within 18 months. Things can change that fast if revenue picks up and we can slow the rate of growth in federal spending.

**Journal:** *You and I aren't getting any younger, will Social Security and Medicare be around for us?*

**Gutknecht:** It's a huge challenge. The short answer to your question is yes, Social Security and Medicare will be around. The question is will they be as generous for baby boomers and our children as they have been to our parents? That's a fair question. I think the answer is 'probably not.'

Part of it is pure demographics. When Social Security started there were 32 workers for every retiree, and the average life expectancy was about 67. So it was a fairly manageable program.

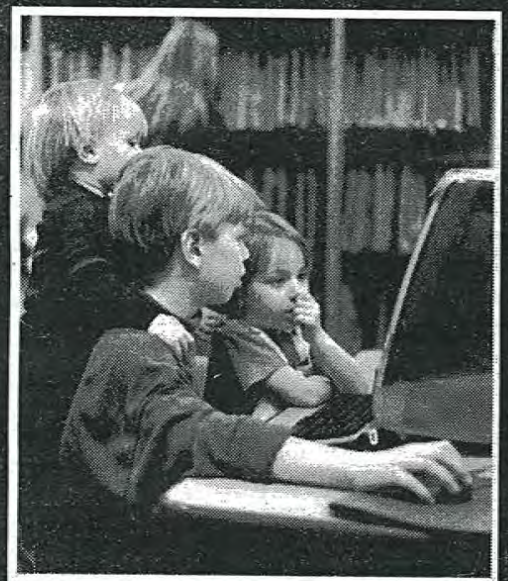
Now we see life expectancies in the mid-'80s. In fact in Minnesota, if you live to be 65 there's a very good chance you will live to be 85. The arithmetic of Social Security and Medicare

Ultimately, we reached what I thought was a fair compromise with those who felt the other way.

The compromise was incredibly generous to the state of Minnesota. We were able to increase the acres to 120,000 acres; 29,000 of those acres will

German pharmacists can buy their drugs all over Europe. If there are differences in prices, they can buy from other countries. That's what I want for the American consumer and American pharmacists. When that happens, I think prices will come down fairly significantly.

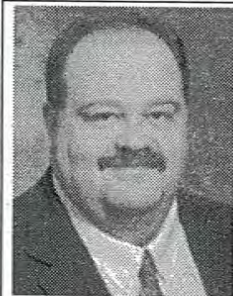
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