

CERTIFICATION BY COMPLAINANT

I, Todd Prichard, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge the information contained in the attached complaint is true and correct. I understand that a person who knowingly files a false complaint is subject to prosecution for and the penalties attached to the crime of perjury.

Subscribed and Affirmed to before me this 18th day of May, 2021.



Kevin Hall
Notary Public
5/18/21

Todd P. Prichard Todd P. Prichard

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA

* I, _____, do hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I received and filed the above certification and attached complaint.

Chief Clerk of the House / Designee of the Chief Clerk

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMPLAINT FORM

Re:

*Hans von Spakovsky, Manager of Election Reform Initiative
The Heritage Foundation*

Name of Respondent (Alleged Violator)

Respondent's Address (If known):

*214 Massachusetts Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002*

By:

Rep. Todd Prichard

Name of Complainant

Complainant's Address:

*Iowa House of Representatives
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319*

I, Todd Prichard, hereby complain that Hans von Spakovsky has committed an act or acts that violate the provisions of the Code of Ethics/Rules Governing Lobbyists of the House of Representatives as follows:

That on or about (List date of dates on which conduct or actions took place)

It is unclear as to the exact date of the violation. However, on April 22, 2021 at the Heritage Foundation 2021 Annual Leadership Conference (full video link below), Jessica Anderson stated: "So we worked quietly with the Iowa State Legislature, we got the best practices to them, we helped draft the bills, we made sure activists were calling the state legislators getting support, showing up at their public hearings, giving testimony and we were able to get three provisions in the larger election integrity bill that were directly written by the heritage recommendation." She also admitted using sentinels to lobby and contact lawmakers. She directly referenced Senate File 413, which was signed into law on March 8, 2021.

In that same video, Jessica Anderson identifies Hans von Spakovsky as working with her and said Hans is "briefing Governors, Secretaries of State, Attorneys General, and state elected officials."

Hans von Spakovsky of Heritage Action did the following:

(Please recite facts/actions taken by Respondent that are believed to violate the Code of Ethics or Rules Governing Lobbyists. Please list the Code provision or Rule that has been violated, if that information is known to you. Please attach additional information to this form if sufficient space is provided.)

FACTS: On April 22, 2021 at the Heritage Foundation 2021 Annual Leadership Conference Jessica Anderson of Heritage Action stated the following:

"Iowa was the first state that we got to work in and we did it quickly and we did it quietly honestly nobody noticed. Why, because Iowa doesn't have a big bullseye on its back in the way Georgia does. So we worked quietly with the Iowa State Legislature, we got the best practices to them, we helped draft the bills, we made sure activists were calling the state legislators getting support, showing up at their public hearings, giving testimony and we were able to get three provisions in the larger election integrity bill that were directly written by the heritage recommendation. Verifying the accuracy of the voter list, cross referencing the voter records with other states so that means if you are a transplant from Nebraska into Iowa you can't vote twice, and removing inactive and ineligible voters including illegal immigrants. So Iowa's huge victory Governor Reynolds signed the bill on March 8th. Little fanfare, honestly nobody even noticed. My team looked at each other and we were like it can't be that easy, like it can't be that easy."

(Video Source: <https://vimeo.com/549310910>)

FACTS: According to Jessica Anderson, Hans von Spakovsky of The Heritage Foundation has held private meetings for several years with conservative secretaries of state. In addition, Anderson directly identified Hans Von Spakovsky as working with her and said Hans is "briefing Governors, Secretaries of State, Attorneys General, and state elected officials."

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FACTS: Senate File 413 was passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law on March 8, 2021. Above Jessica Anderson claims portions of the bill "were directly written by the Heritage recommendation." Senate File 413 contains approximately 15 of the Heritage recommendations found in this report:
<https://www.heritage.org/election-integrity-facts>.

VIOLATION: Hans Von Spakovsky of The Heritage Foundation failed to register as a lobbyist. (Joint Rules for Lobbyists - Rule 2.1)

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Video of Jessica Anderson on April 22, 2021 at the Heritage Foundation 2021 Annual Leadership Conference: <https://vimeo.com/549310910>

Leaked Video: Dark Money Group Brags about Writing GOP Voter Suppression Bills Across the Country (Mother Jones)

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2021/05/heritage-foundation-dark-money-voter-suppression-laws/>

State Board Requests Information from Group that Claimed Involvement in Iowa Elections Bill (Cedar Rapids Gazette)

<https://www.thegazette.com/article/state-board-requests-information-from-group-that-claimed-involvement-in-iowa-elections-bill/>

Iowa Enacts Heritage-Backed Election Reforms

<https://www.heritage.org/impact/iowa-enacts-heritage-backed-election-reforms>

Conservative Group Boasts of Secret Role in Voting Laws (Associated Press)

<https://www.startribune.com/conservative-group-boasts-of-secret-role-in-voting-laws/600057288/>

*The Heritage Foundation Report on Election Integrity, February 1, 2021
Model language and What States Should Do:*

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