

To: Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board  
From: Karin Derry, Complainant  
RE: FC 2022-14, Complaint concerning Candidate Eddie Andrews  
Date: November 1, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement regarding the above-referenced complaint.

Eddie Andrews is a candidate for the Iowa House of Representatives, District 43. During the past three elections, Mr. Andrews has failed to include attribution statements on his large campaign signs. (The attached September 20 statement to the Board provides further details.) I appreciate the Board accepting this complaint and referring it to staff for prompt investigation.

Since the September 22 Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (IECDB) meeting, I have personally observed that an illegible attribution statement has been added to some of his large campaign signs. While I am glad to see some minimal effort to add an attribution statement, it does not change the fact that, through the entire 2020 general election and the 2022 primary, and through much of his 2022 general election campaign, Mr. Andrews failed to comply at all with this basic rule – a rule that IECDB staff has advised him of on previous occasions.

I again urge the Board to take prompt action against Mr. Andrews for his continued and knowing failure to comply with Iowa Code chapter 68A.405, including public reprimand, imposition of a civil penalty, and issuance of an order requiring him to immediately cease and desist from the violation and remove all non-compliant published material.

As you consider action on this complaint, I hope that you will also consider the other incidents of blatant disregard for campaign disclosure rules. Like the failure to include attribution statements on large signs, Mr. Andrews has a history of failing to file accurate campaign reports on time. In 2020, he was twice penalized for filing late reports.

Recently, Mr. Andrews filed reports that do not include all campaign contributions or expenditures. To the report due October 19, Mr. Andrews has filed seven amendments:

| <u>Date &amp; Time Filed</u> | <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Cash on Hand</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 10/19/22 @ 4:32 PM           | \$3,021.30           | \$0.00              | \$26,894.58         |
| 10/19/22 @ 7:43 PM           | \$3,490.01           | \$300.35            | \$27,062.94         |
| 10/20/22 @ 3:37 PM           | \$3,490.01           | \$381.19            | \$26,982.10         |
| 10/21/22 @ 7:49 PM           | \$10,296.99          | \$2,643.14          | \$31,527.13         |
| 10/25/22 @ 5:53 AM           | \$10,296.99          | \$9,784.64          | \$24,385.63         |
| 10/26/22 @ 5:20 AM           | \$24,906.99          | \$9,784.64          | \$38,995.63         |
| 10/26/22 @ 4:39 PM           | \$24,906.99          | \$10,363.22         | \$38,417.05         |

For a full week after the report was due, Mr. Andrews did not disclose to the public over half of the contributions he'd received during the reporting period. For six days, he did not disclose the vast majority of his campaign expenditures.

Additionally, Iowans for a Skilled Workforce (#9736) reported a \$250 contribution on September 14, and Iowa Providers PAC (#6488) a \$500 contribution on September 12. I have reviewed his reports and have been unable to locate where Mr. Andrews has reported those contributions.

While he met the deadline by filing an initial report at 4:28 PM on October 19, that report was far from complete, he's filed seven amendments, and he still has not disclosed all contributions. Given the numerous amendments and the plain inaccuracy of his first eight attempts, I have little confidence in the accuracy of the last amendment. Accordingly, I hope the Board will direct IECDB staff to immediately audit Mr. Andrews' accounts to verify the \$38,417.05 cash on hand balance.

Mr. Andrews has a history of blatant disregard for IECDB rules and ignoring your staff's diligent attempts to gain his compliance. Absent prompt and serious action from the IECDB, it is likely Mr. Andrews will continue to deny voters the right to know who is financing his campaign, paying for the campaign's published material, and how he is spending campaign contributions. He should not be allowed to continue to violate Iowa's campaign rules through a third election. Accordingly, I urge you to take immediate action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: September 20, 2022 Statement Re. FC 2022-14