

To: Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board  
From: Karin Derry, Complainant  
RE: FC 2022-14, Complaint concerning Candidate Eddie Andrews  
Date: September 20, 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. He was also a candidate for the Iowa House, District 39, in 2020. For the past three elections, including the 2020 general election, the 2022 primary election, and the 2022 general election, Mr. Andrews has failed to include attribution statements on his large campaign signs.

In 2020, staff with the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (IECDB) contacted Mr. Andrews about his non-compliant signs. Mr. Andrews replied that he planned to correct the signs by October 15. I understand that, when his signs were not corrected by October 22, staff reached out to Mr. Andrews again. Mr. Andrews' large signs were never corrected in 2020, and they remained up until after the November 2020 election.

Before the June 2022 primary election, Mr. Andrews again posted numerous large signs that did not include the attribution statement. I filed a complaint on June 3. The IECDB office contacted Mr. Andrews and, as of the week of June 20, he was going to confirm that the non-compliant signs were taken down or had an attribution statement added. To my knowledge, no such proof was provided. Mr. Andrews' non-compliant signs remained up until well after the primary election, at least one until July 7.

And once again, for the 2022 general election Mr. Andrews has posted large signs that do not include the required attribution statement. Given the number of times IECDB staff have advised Mr. Andrews of his non-compliance, Mr. Andrews undoubtedly knows the requirement. In my view, there is no reasonable excuse for his continued failure to follow this basic rule.

I urge the IECDB to accept this complaint and refer it to staff for prompt investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, I urge you 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.

Mr. Andrews has a history of 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 and paying for the campaign's published material. It would be a shame to see him allowed to continue his blatant disregard for Iowa's campaign rules through a third election. Accordingly, I urge you to take immediate action.

Thank you for your consideration.