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Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

MUR # 7385

RE: Campaign signs without the "paid for by" language
Congressional election in Pennsylvania's new district 01

To the General Counsel:

Please find attached images of signs that are appearing all over Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They make allegations about Scott Wallace, one of the candidates in the Democratic primary (to be held on May 15, 2018). As you can tell from the images, there is no language to show who paid for them, or on whose behalf they were posted.

I had originally referred this complaint to the Pennsylvania Department of State | Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation (copy of email enclosed), but they informed me that this issue falls under your jurisdiction.

I have personally seen these signs in the following locations today:

- In Lower Makefield, at the intersection of Route 332, Schuyler Drive and Yardley-Langhorne Road (multiple signs)
- In Newtown, near the corner of Lindenhurst Road and Quarry Road
- In Newtown, at the intersection of Twining Road and Chase Road

I asked friends on Facebook where they have seen these signs today, and they said:

- In Newtown, at the Corner of State Street and Route 332
- In Yardley, on Edgewood Drive at the traffic light near Makefield Road
- In Yardley, at the corner of Mirror Lake Road and Yardley-Langhorne Road
- In the area between Northampton and Newtown, along Almshouse Road
- In Southampton, at the intersection of Summit and Hampton Avenue, and in the area between Street Road and Second Street Pike (multiple signs)
- In Warminster, at the intersection of Mearns Road and Bristol Pike

If this comes under investigation I can link to the Facebook conversation where these appearances were reported, so that you can get the names of the people who sighted each sign.

In addition to these sightings I have spoken to people who have been removing the signs. Today I asked my friends who are doing so to begin keeping them, so we can get an accurate count. One person said she had already removed and destroyed 30 signs. People are reporting that removed signs are shortly replaced with new signs – the numbers reported to you are just a sampling of what was seen today, by a handful of people who were on Facebook and responded to my question in a four hour window. There are many signs out there, and I have no doubt that they are affecting people's opinion of the candidate.

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Both of the opposing Democratic candidates have denied that they are behind these signs. A rumor started on Facebook that these were paid for by a conservative extremist (again, I can point you to that conversation if you begin an investigation), but I have been unable to get anyone to provide me any information to confirm or refute that allegation. Accordingly, I cannot provide any substantiated information in regards to the identity of the Respondent in this situation.

I am an Independent. I am friendly with a number of people who are involved in this primary campaign, but I am not affiliated with any of the candidates. I am deeply concerned that there is a person out there who is putting up hundreds of signs that do not have the necessary language on them that lets people assess for themselves the potential bias of the sign-maker. It is my understanding that omitting the "paid for by" information is a violation of FEC regulations. I hope that you will begin the necessary steps to begin investigating this issue.

If you have any questions, or if I can clarify or provide additional information, I can be reached by phone at _____ and by email at _____

I declare that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I know that if I knowingly give false information I am liable for prosecution.

Kierstyn Piotrowski Zolfo
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Subscribed and sworn to, before me this 15th day of MAY, 2018

My commission expires: 7/19/21

County of: Bucks

Signature of Notary: [Signature]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Notarial Seal
PATRICIA MERTENS BOYLE - Notary Public
WARMINSTER TWP, BUCKS COUNTY
My Commission Expires Jul 19, 2021



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Kierstyn Z

Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:48 PM

To: ra-stcampaignfinance@state.pa.us

Hi:

I hope this is still the address to contact for election/campaign related questions. I received it via google and an old FAQ. (<http://www.dos.pa.gov/votingelections/candidatescommittees/campaignfinance/documents/faq/campaignfinancefaq.pdf>)

There is a sign that has been popping up all over Bucks County, for the US Congressional race. I have included images of both sides of the sign. As you can see, it has no "paid for by" info on it.

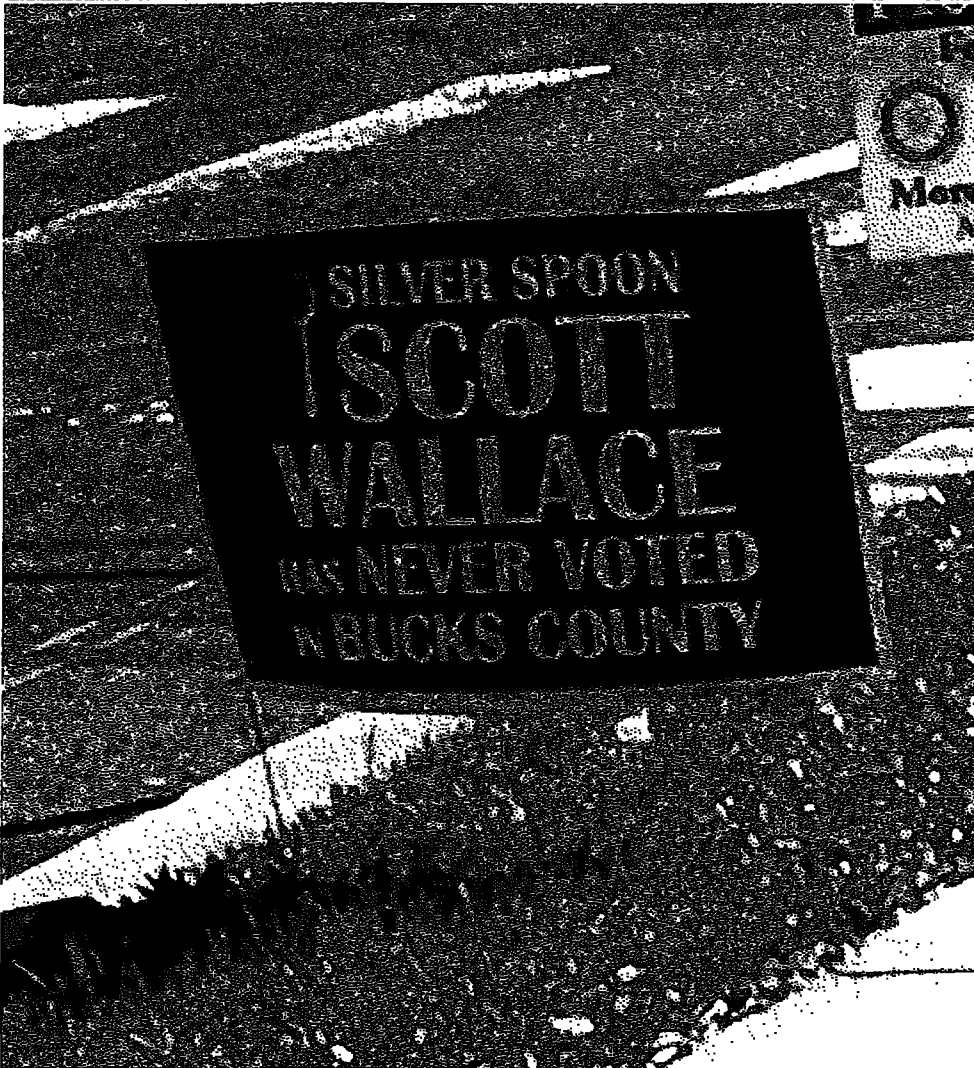
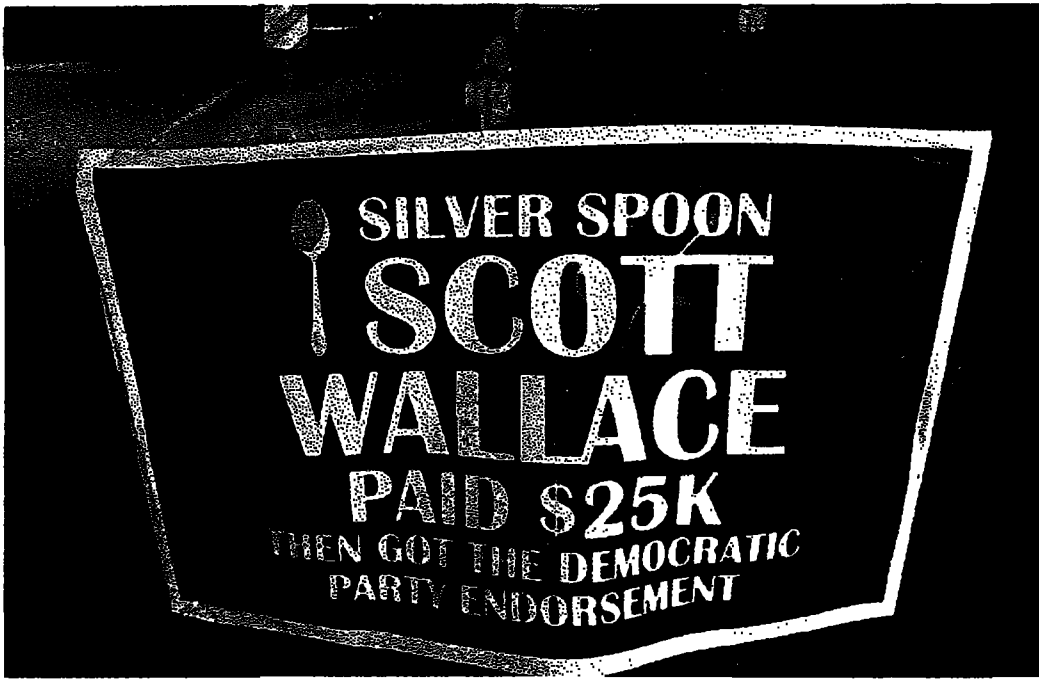
Both of the primary opponents of Scott Wallace have said that they are not responsible for the sign. What are the rules for dealing with such items? Isn't this illegal? And if they are illegal signs, what are the rules for removing them?

I am a progressive activist, but I am an independent and not affiliated with any of the candidates. I am just concerned about this apparent campaign infraction and I'd like to know the proper steps for handling the issue.

Regards,
Kierstyn P. Zolfo
Newtown, PA

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Dear Ms. Zolfo,

The Pennsylvania Department of State is in receipt of your correspondence sent April 24, 2018, regarding violations of the Pennsylvania Campaign Finance Reporting Law; specifically, political signs being posted about a Congressional candidate with no "paid for by" disclaimer. After reviewing the documents, we determined that this matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of State. The information provided should be sent to the Federal Election Commission as this falls under their jurisdiction. You may find this link useful: <https://www.fec.gov/legal-resources/enforcement/complaints-process/how-to-file-complaint-with-fec/>

Based on this email, our office considers this inquiry closed. Should you have questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 717-787-5280.

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From: Kierstyn Z [mailto:]

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:49 PM

To: ST, CampaignFinance <RA-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov>

Subject: political signs without "paid for by" info

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