



# COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE & PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

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## Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer Rep. Tom Emmer, Deputy Minority Leader, MN House of Reps.	
Address 271 State Office Bld., 100 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.	
City, state, zip St. Paul, MN 55155	Daytime telephone no. 651-296-4336

## Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about Minnesota 2020, Matt Entenza, and Conrad DeFiebre
Address 2324 University Ave. W., Suite 204, St. Paul, MN 55114
City, state, zip
Title of respondent (if applicable)
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator)

Rep. Tom Emmer  
Signature of person filing complaint

1-4-08  
Date

Send completed form to: Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board  
Suite 190, Centennial Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call: 651/296-1721; 800/657-3889; or  
3529 for TTY/TDD communication contact us through the Minn. Relay Service at 800/627-

Board staff may also be reached by e-mail at: cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statute cite of the portion of Chapter 10A, or Minn. Rules you believe has been violated. 10A.03

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

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.

## FORMAL COMPLAINT TO THE MN CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Minnesota 2020 is registered with the State of Minnesota as a Non-Profit Corporation. This group has engaged in lobbying and other activities in an attempt to influence legislative leaders and the legislative process. On January 3rd, 2008, stories appeared in several Minnesota newspapers which clearly show Mr. Matt Entenza, Conrad DeFiebre and Minnesota 2020 are engaging in activities which are beyond the scope of a non-profit; Mr. Entenza, Mr. DeFiebre and Minnesota 2020 all failed to register with the State of Minnesota as lobby entities which violates MN Statute 10A. The newspaper stories document that Minnesota 2020 traveled around the state on a fly-around to promote a detailed legislative agenda, and chastised Minnesota Governor Pawlenty and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce for not supporting this legislative agenda (which includes calls for an increased gas tax). Minnesota 2020 claims to be a non-partisan think tank but their actions clearly denote partisan lobbying activity.

Lobbying is defined in federal tax law as 'any attempt to influence specific legislation'.

As part of this complaint, please find internet copies of newspaper articles from the Bemidji Pioneer Newspaper, Detroit Lakes Forum, and Duluth News Tribune; a copy of Minnesota 2020's registration status with the State of Minnesota, and a page from the MN Council of Non-Profits.



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### BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS INQUIRY - VIEW ENTITY

<b>Filing Number:</b>	2288208-2	<b>Entity Type:</b>	Non-Profit Corporation
<b>Original Date of Filing:</b>	3/28/2007	<b>Entity Status:</b>	Active
<b>Duration:</b>	Perpetual	<b>Good Standing:</b> (date of last annual filing)	
<b>Name:</b>	Minnesota 2020		
<b>Registered Office Address:</b>	2324 University Ave W #204 St Paul, MN, 55114		
<b>Agent Name:</b>	No Agent Filed		