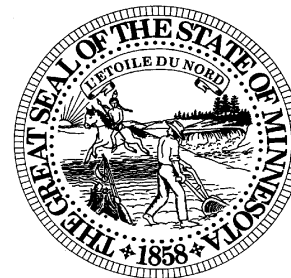


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Campaign Finance Board will not investigate Republican Party of Minnesota complaint regarding Tom Horner

The Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board in a letter from Executive Director Gary Goldsmith today notified the Republican Party of Minnesota (“RPM”) that it would not investigate a complaint filed by the RPM regarding transactions that the RPM alleged resulted in prohibited corporate contributions to Horner’s campaign for governor. A copy of the Board’s letter follows this release.

The primary basis for the Board’s decision was that the complaint was based on a statute not administered or enforced by the Board.

About the Board: The Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is responsible for the administration of Chapter 10A of the Minnesota Statutes, which regulates and requires disclosure of the financial activities of candidates, political parties, political committees, and lobbyists. The Board publishes an extensive internet site with compliance and disclosure information at www.cfboard.state.mn.us.

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By electronic transmission and US Mail

Mr. Tony Sutton, Chairman
Mr. Michael Brodkorb, Deputy Chairman
Republican Party of Minnesota
525 Park St, Suite 250
St. Paul, MN 55103

Re: Complaint of the Republican Party of Minnesota Regarding Tom Horner

Dear Mr. Sutton and Mr. Brodkorb:

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board has received your letter of complaint dated June 8, 2010, regarding Tom Horner and your supplement to that letter dated June 9, 2010.

The complaint alleges that certain transactions involving Decisions Resources Ltd result in a prohibited corporate contribution to Tom Horner, a candidate for governor in Minnesota.

When a complaint is received, the Board's Executive Director is charged with reviewing the complaint and making an initial determination of whether a Board investigation is required or merited. I have reviewed the aforementioned complaint and determined that the Board will not proceed with an investigation of the matter.

Initially, it is unclear whether the facts you allege would, if substantiated, constitute transactions that result in a contribution. However, it is not necessary for the Board to make that determination since you allege a violation of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211B, which is not under the Board's jurisdiction. The Board only investigates alleged violations of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A.

If you wish to file a complaint based on the allegations in your June 8 letter, the proper venue is the Office of Administrative Hearings.

If you have questions regarding the scope of the Board's jurisdiction in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary Goldsmith
Executive Director

cc: Thomas Horner

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