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To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this a formal complaint against the Ben Lange for Congress campaign, located at 606 13TH Ave NE, Independence, Iowa, which has twice violated its duty to fully disclose all campaign expenditures.

Lange repeatedly failed to disclose the single largest expenditure of his campaign on third quarter or pre-election FEC reports. Lange spent \$66,264 on air time beginning September 30, the final day of the third quarter, but did not include the expense on his report.

After the Iowa Democratic Party brought this discrepancy to light, Lange campaign manager Cody Brown said in an October 15th press release, "The campaign launched its first television ad on September 30 and received an invoice outlining the expenses on October 1, the first day of the current reporting period. As a result, the expenditure for the television ad will be reflected in the October 21 Pre-General filing in compliance with FEC rules and regulations."

The report, which was filed today, fails again to disclose the full expense of Lange's \$66,264 ad buy.

According to Iowa television stations, Lange's campaign purchased more than \$66,264 for a television ad airing on September 30. But the finance report posted today only lists an expenditure of \$60,666 for "palm cards and media," an expense falling well short of Lange's \$66,264 media buy.

The Lange for Congress Campaign has repeatedly failed to fulfill its duty to fully disclose campaign receipts and expenditures. As a result, we respectfully ask the Federal Elections Committee to launch a full investigation into this entity for its failure to comply with federal election law.

We can provide any additional documentation to assist your investigation.

Sincerely,

Sue Dvorsky
Sue Dvorsky
Chairwoman
Iowa Democratic Party

*Signed and sworn
before me.
Donna L. Latesa
10-21-10*

