

Docket Number 79-2

MS. CLARA B. WEIR

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

VS.

30 TRINITY STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT CITIZENS  
FOR DECENCY

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Connecticut Citizens for Decency stipulates and the State Ethics Commission finds:

1. On March 14, 1979 the Hartford Courant published for Connecticut Citizens for Decency an advertisement concerning the Governor's nomination of Mrs. Eva Hudak to the State Board of Education. On March 22, 1979 the Hartford Courant published a second advertisement for the Connecticut Citizens for Decency. Both advertisements solicited the public to contact its legislators to support Mrs. Hudak's appointment to the State Board of Education.

2. On March 23, 1979, Mrs. Mary Anne Pressamarita, as a member of Connecticut Citizens for Decency, paid the Hartford Courant four hundred seventy six dollars and twenty eight cents (\$476.28) for the March 14, 1979 and March 22, 1979 advertisements. This expenditure was a lobbying expenditure of Connecticut Citizens for Decency. It made Connecticut Citizens for Decency a lobbyist as defined in subsection 1-91(1), Connecticut General Statutes.

3. Having made the March 23, 1979 payment, Connecticut Citizens for Decency was required by subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission no later than March 23, 1979. Subsection 1-94(b), Connecticut General Statutes, requires a lobbyist to register as such with the State Ethics Commission if it expends three hundred dollars or more in a calendar year. Subsection 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, requires a lobbyist to register by January fifteenth of each year or prior to the commencement of lobbying, whichever is later. In violation of subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, Connecticut Citizens for Decency did not register on or before March 23, 1979.

4. Connecticut Citizens for Decency's violation of subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, was not intentional.

5. Connecticut Citizens for Decency waives any right it may have to a hearing to determine whether in March, 1979 it violated subsection 1-94(b) or 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, and agrees with the State Ethics Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as permitted under subsection 4-177(d), Connecticut General Statutes.

6. Connecticut Citizens for Decency agrees to comply in all respects with the obligations imposed upon lobbyists by Chapter 10, Part II, Connecticut General Statutes, and by State Ethics Commission regulations when it is a lobbyist as defined in subsection 1-91(1), Connecticut General Statutes, or when it is registered as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission, in lieu of any other action it is authorized by law to take with respect to Connecticut Citizens for Decency's March, 1979 violations of the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists, orders Connecticut Citizens for Decency to comply hereafter in all respects with the obligations imposed upon lobbyists by Chapter 10, Part II, Connecticut General Statutes, and by State Ethics Commission Regulations.

*Connecticut Citizens for Decency*  
*Maryann Pressumata (spokeswoman)* Dated 8/3/79

By order of the Commission

*Thomas J. Lynch*  
Rev. Thomas J. Lynch  
Chairman, State Ethics  
Commission.

Dated August 6, 1979

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COMPLAINT

I wish to register with the State Ethics Commission a complaint of violation of:

       The Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees, Public Act 77-600.

  X   The Code of Ethics for Lobbyists, Public Act 77-605.

Time and date: 3/22/79/

Place: "Hartford Courant" Display Advertising 3/16/79 #172.16  
3/20/79 #172.16

Persons involved: CT. Citizens for Decency  
P.O. Box 8303, E. Hartford, Ct. 06108

Circumstances which indicate that the Public Act (or Acts) designated above was violated are as follows:

I am told that any attempt to influence legislation Pro or Con by anyone or group when expenditures go beyond \$300, the person or group should be registered as a lobbyist and pay a required fee. I am advised by a H'y Eaton that the above named group is not so registered.

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I hereby certify under penalty of false statement that I believe that the foregoing statement describing a possible violation of the Public Act or Acts designated is true.

Clara B. Weir

Signature

Name and address (printed or typewritten):

127 WHITNEY ST.

HARTFORD, CT. 06105

Mail or hand deliver this complaint to the: State Ethics Commission  
30 Trinity Street  
Hartford, CT 06115

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