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Fiskum Files Campaign Practices Complaint Alleging Illegal Giveaway by Gubernatorial Candidate

ROCKFORD, Minn. — Dan Fiskum, a Minnesota attorney and candidate for the Minnesota Senate in District 29, announced today that he will file a complaint with the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings alleging that gubernatorial candidate Mike Lindell violated Minnesota's Fair Campaign Practices Act by distributing pillows to spectators during the Delano Fourth of July Parade.

The complaint alleges that Lindell personally threw pillows from a parade float prominently displaying "Mike Lindell for Governor" campaign signs while campaign workers walked alongside carrying campaign signs. According to the complaint, the pillows were distributed in plastic bags bearing the words "Mike Lindell for Governor" and have an approximate retail value of \$34.95 each.

The complaint was filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 211B.32 - Bribery, Treating, And Solicitation. It alleges a violation of Minn. Stat. § 211B.13, which prohibits candidates from giving gifts or other consideration to induce individuals to vote.

Fiskum personally observed the events while participating in the Delano Fourth of July Parade as a candidate for the DFL nomination for Minnesota Senate in District 29 / Wright County.

The complaint also references publicly available video recordings of the giveaway. The video can be viewed here: <https://checksandbalances.com/interesting-insights-from-the-delano-fourth-of-july-parade/>

"The theme of my campaign in Senate District 29 is 'Accountable Government,'" Fiskum said. "Minnesota has campaign laws that prohibit candidates from giving valuable gifts to prospective voters during an election campaign. Those laws exist to keep our government accountable, and to protect the integrity of our elections. They should be enforced equally regardless of the candidate or the office being sought."

Fiskum continued, "I am not running against Mike Lindell, and this complaint is not about Mike Lindell. It is about whether Minnesota's campaign laws apply equally to everyone."

Fiskum said, "Everyone hears about 'Minnesota Nice.' I want them to hear about 'Minnesota Integrity.'"

The complaint relies in part on a prior decision of the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings interpreting Minn. Stat. § 211B.13, *Harris v. Nack*, in which an administrative panel concluded that a candidate violated the statute by conducting a campaign gift-card giveaway designed to attract prospective voters.

“Attorneys often say that hard cases make bad law,” Fiskum said. “Easy cases should make good law. If a candidate can distribute merchandise worth approximately thirty-five dollars while actively campaigning, then the election integrity protections enacted by the Legislature become difficult to enforce in any meaningful way.”

Fiskum emphasized that the complaint is not political retaliation but a request for the impartial enforcement of Minnesota law.

“The same rules should apply to Republicans, Democrats, independents, and every other candidate seeking public office,” Fiskum said. “Election laws only have value if they are enforced consistently.”

Fiskum has been licensed to practice law in Minnesota since 1992 and filed the complaint in his capacity as a Minnesota citizen and eligible voter.

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