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Boorsma & 23 is Enough Withheld Campaign Contributions from Primary Voters

FOGLI Member Files Complaint for Failure to Properly Disclose Campaign Reports

Wayland, Michigan – Today a member of Friends of the Gun Lake Indians (FOGLI) filed nine (9) campaign complaints against Todd Boorsma, candidate for District 88 state representative in the Aug. 5 primary, for failure to file late contribution reports. The complaints stem from nine contributions that were all made by members of the ultra-wealthy anti-Gun Lake Casino group 23 is Enough.

“Boorsma got nine contributions from 23 is Enough immediately after the pre-primary reporting period ended, all but one being the maximum allowable contribution,” said Marcia Halloran, FOGLI Council member. “No doubt it was orchestrated to avoid scrutiny from local voters.”

The Michigan Department of State sets reporting requirements and dates for political candidates to comply with terms of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Candidates were required to close campaign books on July 20 and file a campaign finance report on July 25.

After July 20, financial contributions of “\$200 or more” must be reported as a “late contribution” “within 48 hours after its receipt,” pursuant to Section 169.232 of the Act. Boorsma did not report the 23 is Enough contributions, all received between July 21 and Aug. 1, until September 3.

Halloran filed complaints and supporting documentation at the Legal and Regulatory Services Administration of the department of state.

Boorsma and his followers in Michigan Gambling Opposition (MichGO) are a tiny minority in the Wayland area. They have been widely criticized for serving the interests of the elitist 23 is Enough.

This was a major campaign issue during the Republican primary election in Allegan County. FOGLI endorsed Bob Genetski who prevailed over Boorsma and several others. Genetski vowed to serve in the best interest of local residents that need jobs.

Another MichGO member, Dave Patchak, lost in the Wayland Township supervisor race to casino supporter Roger VanVolkinburg.

“MichGO is a pawn in 23 is Enough’s game to maintain its stranglehold on business and politicians in western Michigan. A tribal casino is already being built less than 40 miles from Allegan County. This has nothing to do with stopping more casinos,” Halloran said.

Boorsma’s 23 is Enough contributions hidden during the primary election total \$4,200:

CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	RECEIVED
• Richard DeVos	\$500	July 22
• Stephen Van Andel	\$500	July 21
• Peter Secchia	\$500	July 29
• Gary Granger	\$500	July 31
• Pam Granger	\$500	July 31
• PM Wege	\$500	July 30
• Paulette Israels	\$200	July 23
• Lewis Vankuiken, Jr.	\$500	July 21
• Jerry Tubergen	\$500	Aug. 1

The Gun Lake Casino has been stalled for over three years by a federal lawsuit brought by MichGO, which is solely responsible for delaying thousands of local jobs and millions in revenue sharing funds. The lawsuit is being funded by members of 23 is Enough.

“Because of the lawsuit from MichGO and a few Grand Rapids multi-millionaires, average people have been deprived of a better future. This is what’s wrong with the system, not the federal government’s decades-old policy of serving as a trustee to Native Americans,” Halloran said.

Friends of the Gun Lake Indians (FOGLI) is a grassroots organization that promotes fairness for the Gun Lake Tribe, and jobs and economic development. The group was founded in 2001 after the Tribe held a meeting at the Wayland High School gymnasium where they were met with hostility and racial insults by local casino protesters. These protesters formed Michigan Gambling Opposition (MichGO). FOGLI has grown to over 10,000 members.

For more information visit www.fogli.org.