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To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to Title I of 1978 Ethics in Government Act, all candidates for Congress must file financial disclosure statements.

The Committee's Instruction Guide for candidates states that candidates who qualify during a non-election year "must file an FD Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 16 of that year, whichever is later. You are then required to file a second FD Statement on May 15 of the following year if you are still a candidate on that date. For 2022 only, the second FD Statement is due on May 16, 2022." Extensions may be granted, but these extensions "must be received on or before the due date of the report." 2

Tyler Kistner, a candidate for U.S. Congress in Minnesota's 2nd District, has not complied with this requirement. In 2021, Kistner qualified as a candidate for the 2022 election and filed a financial disclosure statement on May 17, 2021.<sup>3</sup> As a candidate who qualified in a non-election year, he was then required to file a new FD statement or an extension by May 16, 2022. He has so far done neither, violating disclosure requirements and effectively shielding his finances from public view. On 7/14/2022 Kistner's campaign publicly admitted noncompliance, with the Minnesota Reformer reporting that "A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Instruction Guide, Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports Calendar Year 2021; U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics; p. 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Instruction Guide, Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports Calendar Year 2021; U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics; p. 7

https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public\_disc/financial-pdfs/2021/10040501.pdf



Kistner campaign spokesman said in a text message that the paperwork has been completed but not turned in."4

This lack of transparency is of particular concern to citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, given that Kistner's personal finances are already under public scrutiny. Last year, it was reported that Kistner had paid himself unusually large and implausible mileage reimbursements using campaign funds.

I am writing to lodge a formal complaint against Tyler Kistner for violating the Ethics in Government Act. I ask that this violation be investigated and that the law be enforced so that the citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District may better understand a candidate who seeks to represent them in Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

**Angie Craig** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://minnesotareformer.com/briefs/congressional-candidate-tyler-kistner-is-two-months-late-on-financial-disclosure-form/