

Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission
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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

COMPLAINT

1. Your Name: David Osborne
Your Address: 702 Capitol Avenue, Annex Room 332C, Frankfort, Ky 40601
Your Telephone Number: 502 564 8100

2. Name and address (if known) of person(s) who you believe may have violated the Code of Legislative Ethics:

Based upon the reported allegations described below, there is the possibility that Jeff Hoover, Brian Linder, Jim DeCesare, and Michael Meredith, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, Ky 40601, may have violated the Code.

3. Nature of Violation (if possible, state the law which you believe may have been violated): Potential violation of KRS 6.731 and 6.751

4. Explain why you believe the law may have been violated. State the facts and approximate dates in support of the allegations. Please be simple, concise and direct. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please see the attached report of the independent investigation into these issues from Middleton Reutlinger, PSC. Based upon this investigation, there are potential violations of the Kentucky Code of Legislative Ethics, 6.601 to 6.849. There have been reported allegations that the settlement of the alleged sexual harassment and hostile work environment claims were funded, at least in part, by political donors. While the investigation did not find supporting evidence of any such violation, it was unable to rule it out because the members would not share the amount of the settlement and legal fees paid because of a confidentiality provision in the settlement agreement. Without being able to confirm that their financial sourcing documents match the settlement agreement, it should be investigated and confirmed whether any part of the payment of the settlement agreement or legal fees were paid, in whole or in part, by a political donor or lobbyist. I

request that the Commission use its subpoena power to obtain the demand letter and subsequent settlement agreement and confirm whether any of the Code of Legislative Ethics was violated.

I, David W. Osborne, being duly sworn, swear or affirm that I have knowledge of the facts alleged in this Complaint and that the information contained herein is true and correct.

David W. Osborne
Signature of Complainant

Sworn, subscribed and acknowledged before me by David W. Osborne
this the 1 day of Dec, 2017.

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My commission expires: 07-31-2019.