

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**PRIMA FACIE
DETERMINATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF WILLIAM BECK REGARDING FORWARD MAJORITY ACTION MINNESOTA (41316)

On October 14, 2024, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board received a complaint submitted by William Beck regarding Forward Majority Action Minnesota, an independent expenditure political committee. Forward Majority Action Minnesota's Board registration number is 41316.

The complaint alleges that Forward Majority Action Minnesota distributed a campaign mailer in August 2024 regarding Tom Dippel, a candidate for Minnesota House District 41B. The complaint includes a copy of the mailer, which states that Mr. Dippel "agrees with the Alabama Supreme Court decision to ban IVF." The complaint asserts that Mr. "Dippel has never publicly spoken on the IVF issue and is comfortable publicly stating that he does not support the ban of IVF or any fertilization treatment." The complaint alleges a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 211B.06, which generally prohibits the preparation or dissemination of false campaign material. The complaint does not cite, and does not appear to allege any conduct that would violate, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A or sections 211B.04, 211B.12, or 211B.15.

Determination

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, authorizes the Board to investigate alleged or potential violations of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 10A, in addition to Minnesota Statutes sections 211B.04, 211B.12, and 211B.15. Because the Board does not have jurisdiction over Minnesota Statutes section 211B.06, the statute that might give rise to the violation alleged in the complaint, the chair concludes that the complaint does not state a prima facie violation of Chapter 10A or of those sections of Chapter 211B under the Board's jurisdiction. The Board notes that The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit determined that Minnesota Statutes section 211B.06 is unconstitutional.¹ Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, this prima facie determination is made by the Board chair and not by any vote of the entire Board. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.



David Asp, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Date: October 18, 2024

¹ [281 Care Committee v. Arneson, 766 F.3d 774 \(8th Cir. 2014\)](#).