



# CHARGE OF ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTION(S) UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYE RELATIONS ACT

Mary Trometter

COMPLAINANT

v.

Pennsylvania State Education Association -  
National Education Association

RESPONDENT

CASE NO.

DATE FILED

**TO THE HONORABLE, THE MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LABOR RELATIONS BOARD:**

### COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Mary Trometter

Public Employee, Employe Organization or Public Employer

David R. Osborne

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**HEREBY CHARGES THAT:**

### RESPONDENT INFORMATION

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**HAS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTION(S) CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYE RELATIONS ACT, SECTION 1701**

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

As a PSEA union member since 1990, I pay dues to the NEA, PSEA, and the local affiliate.

- 1. On October 31, 2014, my husband received the attached letter jointly signed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association ("PSEA") and National Education Association ("NEA"). The letter urges my husband "as the family member of an educator" to vote for Tom Wolf for Governor. (Exh. A).

The letter says it was paid for by the NEA Advocacy Fund, the NEA's SuperPAC. In its last report to the FEC, the SuperPAC disclosed that the NEA has given \$12,514,151.58, including union dues money, to the SuperPAC so far this year. (Exh. B, p. 6). In funding the letter to my husband, the NEA has made a "contribution out of funds of the employe organization either directly or indirectly . . . in support of any political candidate for public office" and has "wilfully violate[d]" section 1701 of the Public Employe Relations Act.

- 2. In November 2014, the PSEA's dues-funded magazine, PSEA Voice, was used to support Tom Wolf for Governor. (Exh. C).

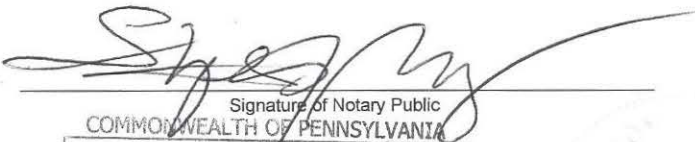
The PSEA takes \$4.25 from each member, state-wide, to pay for the PSEA Voice. (Exh. C, p. 2). In funding the PSEA Voice--the November issue in particular--the PSEA has made a "contribution out of funds of the employe organization either directly or indirectly . . . in support of any political candidate for public office" and has "wilfully violate[d]" section 1701 of the Public Employe Relations Act.

WHEREFORE, the Complainant respectfully requests the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board to enter the charge upon the Docket of the said Board and to issue and cause to be served upon the Respondent above named a Complaint stating the charge(s) of illegal contribution(s).

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
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 : ss  
COUNTY OF CHESTER :

On this 17 day of NOVEMBER, 20 14, before me, a NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVID OSBURN who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he/she is the person filing the foregoing CHARGE OF ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTION(S) and is aware of the contents hereof and that the matters and facts set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me the day and year first aforesaid.





Signature of Notary Public  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Stephen J. Brady, Notary Public  
Uwchlan Twp., Chester County  
My Commission Expires Feb. 9, 2015  
PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES