


To: Federal Election Commission 
Subject: Complaint against Dan Feehan
From: Jim Hagedorn

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Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to file a formal complaint against Dan Feehan, the Democrat candidate for Congress in Minnesota's First District, and the Friends of Dan Feehan campaign committee.

It appears that Mr. Feehan was paid more than \$475,000 to run for Congress by several entities over a two-year period, 2017-19. ([see attachment #1](#))

Mr. Feehan was paid almost a half-million dollars while he was an active candidate for

Congress. Because it appears unlikely that Mr. Feehan performed bona fide work for these payments, I am bringing this matter to the Federal Election Commission for investigation.

Under FEC statutes, salary and wage payments to a congressional candidate must be justified by bona fide work, or the payments constitute unlawful acceptance of campaign contributions in excess of federal limits ([see attachment #2](#)).

Based upon Mr. Feehan's financial disclosure reports to the U.S. House of Representatives ([again, see attachment #1](#)), he was paid an extraordinary \$184,000 from August 13, 2018 thru December 31st of that year, \$120,000 from Leadership for Educational Equality and \$64,000 from New Politics Leadership Academy. Working 8 hours per day, every day, weekends included, during that 85 day period would constitute Mr. Feehan being paid \$271 per hour. Such wages cannot be justified based upon any reasonable standard, especially considering Mr. Feehan was waging a full-time campaign for Congress in a closely contested race from August 13 thru November 6th.

During a live KEYC-TV debate, televised on Sunday, September 27, 2020, Mr. Feehan was asked to explain receiving almost \$500,000 from Democrat groups during a two- year period. Mr. Feehan flatly denied he had received any payments. The exchange begins at the 48-minute mark of this [KEYC-TV video](#).

In an October 6, 2019 news article, Mr. Feehan was asked what kind of work he had performed since the 2018 election. Mr. Feehan failed to mention any of the three non- profits that employed him, but instead said he had performed consulting work for the Minnesota Farmers Union, a liberal farming association ([see 2019 interview](#)). Yet, Mr. Feehan's financial disclosures reveal no income from the Farmers Union.

Lastly, it has been reported that one of the non-profits who have paid Mr. Feehan, New Politics Leadership Academy, has employed "fellows" who were former candidates, to conduct research for the organization. Despite this, there is no evidence that research was ever conducted. Of the fellows they were paying, four of the six are currently running for office. All six of the fellows were Democrats despite the organization being bi-partisan ([see this 2019 Press Release](#)).

Please investigate this matter so Minnesota's First District residents are able to determine if Dan Feehan has or has not taken unlawful campaign contributions and was given over \$475,000 in a scheme to pay him to run for Congress.

Thank you, Jim Hagedorn