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I am writing on behalf of myself and Moms for Labeling to inform you that there is reason to believe that the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) and the No on 522 campaign are violating the campaign finance laws.

The GMA needs to register as a political committee and has not done so and has not been filing its reports with the PDC. It has accepted funds and pledges to defeat Initiative 522.

The No on 522 campaign also has received support from the GMA and has failed to report it. The No on 522 campaign has been collecting pledges of support but has failed to report them. It also has not reported the in kind contributions it receives from many large corporations that are trying to defeat labeling in Washington State. In addition, the No campaign seems to believe that it can hide the identities of its giant donors behind the GMA, but it must disclose the identity of its actual top donors.

There are numerous rules that are being broken, including the requirement to register as a political committee, reporting requirements about donations pledges and earmarks, reporting of top 5 contributors, indirect reimbursements, using agents, etc.

You need to file a lawsuit against these organizations.

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