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February 21, 2019

Delivered electronically to Joel Kretz at "kretzranch@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint filed by Robert B. McCoy, PDC Case 21210

Dear Representative Kretz:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Robert McCoy concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Mr. McCoy, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of filing accurate Personal Financial Affairs Statements (PDC form F-1). Staff expects you to file accurate F-1 reports in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at jennifer.hansen@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Delivered electronically to Robert B. McCoy at "bob-mccoy@comast.net"

Subject: Complaint regarding Joel Kretz, PDC Case 21210

Dear Mr. McCoy:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on June 19, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Joel Kretz, incumbent State Representative in Legislative District 7, Position 2, may have violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to accurately, completely and truthfully file F-1 reports; (2) RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose creditor information related to past-due taxes owed to the Okanogan County Assessor's Office; and (3) RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose revenue of the business Promised Land Ranch of which he is 100% owner.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by Joel Kretz; and the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Joel Kretz is the incumbent State Representative in the 7th Legislative District since being elected to office in 2004 and was required to submit a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC form F-1) by April 15th disclosing financial information for the previous calendar year.
- In response to Allegation Two of the complaint, Representative Kretz confirmed that he did fail to include debt owed to the Okanogan County Assessor's Office for property taxes and on June 18, 2018, Representative Kretz submitted amended F-1 reports covering calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017. The amendments listed Code A, (\$1 to \$4,499) and Code B (\$4,500 to \$23,999) as the amounts owed to creditor Okanogan County for each calendar year and identified the purpose as "property taxes."
- In response to Allegation Three of the complaint, Representative Kretz stated that there was no income to disclose regarding the business Promised Land Ranch and no amendments were submitted regarding this entity.

Although the initially submitted F-1 reports were incomplete, Representative Kretz submitted amendments prior to the 2018 primary election ballots were mailed.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately file F-1 reports and failure to disclose creditor information related to past-due taxes owed to the

Okanogan County Assessor's Office, does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

PDC staff is reminding Representative Joel Kretz about the importance of filing accurate Personal Financial Affairs Statements (PDC form F-1) in future years in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Joel Kretz