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To Whom it May Concern (and who would not be concerned?)--

It has come to my attention that Jim Cooper, a failed candidate for the Thurston County Commission in 2016, has committed additional violations of RCW 42.17A. This is particularly concerning in light of the lawsuit filed against Jim Cooper by the Attorney General for previous violations. This complaint is for unique, independent, and separate violations of that statute. Mr. Cooper has been under investigation and scrutiny for months and has enlisted the help of attorneys and yet these violations continue unchecked.

1) Failure to timely file C4 report. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

According to the PDC, the C4 covering the month of January was due on 2/10/2017.

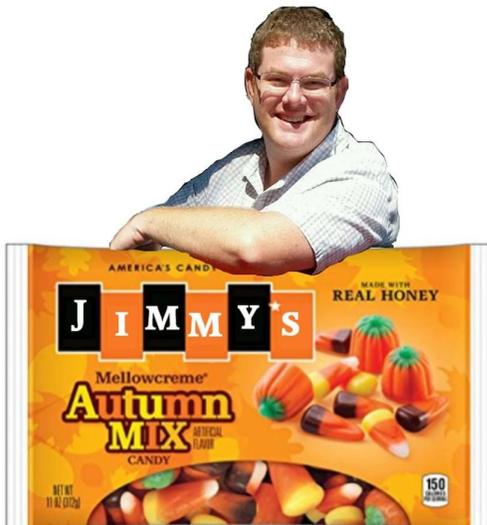
Unfortunately, Jim Cooper failed to file this C4 by the deadline, as required by state law. As of the time of this notice being drafted - it is 5 minutes past the statutory deadline, and he has, once again, ignored the law.

Jim Cooper must file this important paperwork immediately.

2) Failure to accurately describe expense. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.235)

On 9/24/2016, the Cooper campaign made an expenditure for "snacks" (worth \$1.67) that was allegedly for Cooper's event "we saved the LBA Woods". (See PDC complaint #11392 for additional background)

According to the admission of **BOTH** of Jim Cooper's attorneys (see response to complaint #11392), this purchase was made for a particular type of snack -- Autumn Mix Candy.



Because this was a singular snack, it should have included a description of the actual item being purchased. In this scenario, simply putting "snacks", is not descriptive enough to portray the expenditure made. This has the potential to confuse members of the public, and clearly the confusion helped generate a small part of that original complaint.

Cooper must update his C4 to include an accurate description of this expenditure.

3) Accepting overlimit contributions from WSCCCE (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405, also see WAC 390-16-307)

As defined in **WAC 390-16-307 (3)**, the Washington State Council of City and County Employees (WSCCCE) and AFSCME are both a single entity and therefore, are subject to a single contribution limit.

WSCCCE, is a branch/unit of AFSCME 28, not a separate entity under **WAC 390**.

Cooper accepted a \$1000 general election contribution from AFSCME on 9/16/2016, and a \$500 general election contribution from WSCCCE on 10/14/2016. Because these organizations are both one entity per WAC 390-16-307 (3), the contribution from WSCCCE was an overlimit contribution (\$500 over).

Jim Cooper must personally reimburse WSCCCE for the overlimit contribution.

4) Failure to refund overlimit contribution within 10 business days. (Violation of RCW 42.17A.405, see WAC 390-16-312)

Jim Cooper failed to refund the over limit contribution from WSCCCE within ten business days, as required by **WAC 390-16-312**.

Jim Cooper must immediately refund this overlimit contribution to WSCCCE.

I urge the PDC to investigate these claims immediately.

Regards regards,

Glen Morgan