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March 29, 2017

Sent electronically to Joseph Backholm "joseph@fpiw.org" and Chris Plante "chris@fpiw.org"

Subject: Complaint filed by Tony Yuchasz, PDC Case 9817

Dear Mr. Backholm and Mr. Plante:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Tony Yuchasz concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on November 8, 2016. The complaint alleged that the Family Policy Institute of Washington Action (FPIWA) produced and distributed a direct mail piece of political advertising in the form of an Electioneering Communication, that supported Vicki Kraft and Lynda Wilson, two Republican candidates seeking the office of State Representative and State Senator in the 17th Legislative District in 2016, and opposed Sam Kim and Tim Probst, two Democratic candidates seeking the same offices, but failed to include the party preference of any of the candidates featured in the ad in violation of RCW 42.17A.320.

As noted in the letter to Mr. Yuchasz, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. Staff noted during our review that FPIWA failed to timely file several Independent Expenditure and Electioneering Communications reports (C-6 reports) during the 2016 election.

In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), this letter constitutes a Formal Written Warning to FPIWA and the Family Policy Institute of Washington that failure to include the party preference on any political advertisements, independent expenditures, or electioneering communications, or the failure to timely file Independent Expenditure/Electioneering Communications reports or political committee reports undertaken during future elections, could result in enforcement action before the Commission.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kurt.young@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Lopez
Executive Director



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Sent electronically to Tony Yuchasz "tony@hdcc.org"

Subject: Complaint filed against Family Policy Institute of Washington Action, PDC
Case No. 9817

Mr. Yuchasz:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on November 8, 2016. Your complaint alleged that the Family Policy Institute of Washington Action (FPIWA) produced and distributed a direct mail piece of political advertising that supported and opposed four candidates. Specifically, the electioneering communication sponsored by FPIWA supported Vicki Kraft and Lynda Wilson, two Republican candidates seeking the office of State Representative and State Senator in the 17th Legislative District, and opposed Sam Kim and Tim Probst, two Democratic candidates seeking the same offices, but failed to include party preference of any of the four candidates featured in the ad in violation of RCW 42.17A.320.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations in light of PDC laws and rules in order to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted.

Staff reviewed your complaint, the electioneering communications advertisement sponsored by the FPIWA, and Independent Expenditure/Electioneering Communications reports (C-6 report) filed by the FPIWA. Based on staff's review, we found that:

- The Family Policy Institute of Washington and FPIWA are Lobbyist Employers that have been registered and filing Annual Lobbyist Employer reports (L-3 reports) with the PDC since 2009.
- As part of your complaint, you provided copies of the electioneering communications advertisement sponsored by the FPIWA that supported candidates Vicki Kraft and Lynda Wilson, and opposed candidates Sam Kim and Tim Probst.
- The electioneering communications advertisement sponsored by the FPIWA failed to include any party preference for any of the four candidates featured in the ad.
- FPIWA filed two C-6 reports on November 4, 2016, disclosing two direct mail electioneering communications (EC) that were mailed on October 31 and November 1, 2016.

- The two C-6 reports submitted by FPIWA were filed three and four days late, but four days prior to the November 8, 2016 general election being held.
- The C-6 report for the October 24, 2016 Direct Mail piece disclosed the \$5,314 independent expenditure advertisement had been presented to the public on October 31, 2016, and equally supported candidates Kraft and Wilson, (\$1,329 each, both Republicans), and equally opposed candidates Probst and Kim (\$1,329 each, both Democrats).

In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), a warning letter is being sent to the Family Policy Institute of Washington Action. In addition, while not alleged, PDC staff also included as part of the warning letter, a warning to the Family Policy Institute of Washington Action for failing to timely file Independent Expenditure/Electioneering Communications reports.

The warning letter will caution the Family Policy Institute of Washington, and the Family Policy Institute of Washington Action, that if they fail to include the party preference on any political advertisements, independent expenditures, or electioneering communications or fail to timely file Independent Expenditure/Electioneering Communications reports or political committee reports undertaken during future elections, it could result in enforcement action before the Commission.

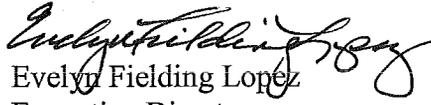
For this reason, PDC staff will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. The process relies on citizens monitoring campaign activity to promote full compliance with the law. Your actions will contribute to better awareness of campaign restrictions and prohibitions.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Kurt Young
PDC Compliance Officer

Endorsed by:


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Joseph Backholm and Chris Plante, Family Policy Institute of Washington Action



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