



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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November 29, 2016

sballhorn@gmail.com

Subject: PDC case 9051

Dear Mr. Ballhorn:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 19, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Olympians for Responsible Tax Reform (ORTR) may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to report campaign expenses.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- ORTR is a first time committee that registered their campaign on September 20, 2016.
- When made aware of the complaint ORTR contacted PDC staff and were able to work through ORCA filing software system issues and file their missing report, two days after the filing deadlines, and before the General Election.
- ORTR has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that Olympians for Responsible Tax Reform is in substantial compliance with PDC laws and rules. Their actions to ensure disclosure before the election does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation. The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

Thank for bringing this issue to our attention, the process relies on the public monitoring election activities in their communities. If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jacob Berkey
PDC Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director

cc: Olympians for Responsible Tax Reform