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Subject: PDC case 8681

Dear Ms. Ohlde:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 5, 2016. Your complaint alleged that "No on Prop 1" may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, .240, and .320 by failing to register and report as a political action committee, and by failing to include sponsor identification on political advertising.

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

- Merrisue Steinman purchased the yard signs and files a C6 Independent Expenditure report within 5 days of making the purchase, which meets the requirements of RCW 42.17A.255.
- Yard signs are exempt from sponsor identification requirements under RCW 42.17A.320(7)
- Ms. Steinman has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that Merrisue Steinman complied with RCW 42.17A. by reporting her purchase of yard signs.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further action in this case.

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](mailto:Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Jacob Berkey  
PDC Compliance Staff

Endorsed by,

  
Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
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cc: Merrisue Steinman