

File a Formal Complaint - Kyle Murphy

Kyle Murphy reported 19 hours ago (Wed, 10 Aug at 5:12 PM) via Portal Meta

Shift Washington is running large scale political advertisements on Facebook. They are explicitly advertising to Washington residents encouraging them to vote no on Initiative 732 in Washington State. These ads are seen widely, and can be assumed to be to the sum of thousands of dollars worth of advertising. An easy way to gauge reach and viewership is the number of 'likes' and 'shares' the posts have, which is significant.

There are currently 7 ads running, of which we have captured screen-shots and links to 4 of them.

Shift Washington is not filing PDC reports on this political advertising activity.

I am concerned that they are in violation of two laws, RCW 42.17A.305, section 1 and RCW 42.17A.225 section 2, that require timely disclosure of donations and expenditures relating to political advertisements.

Screen-shots with active links are attached.



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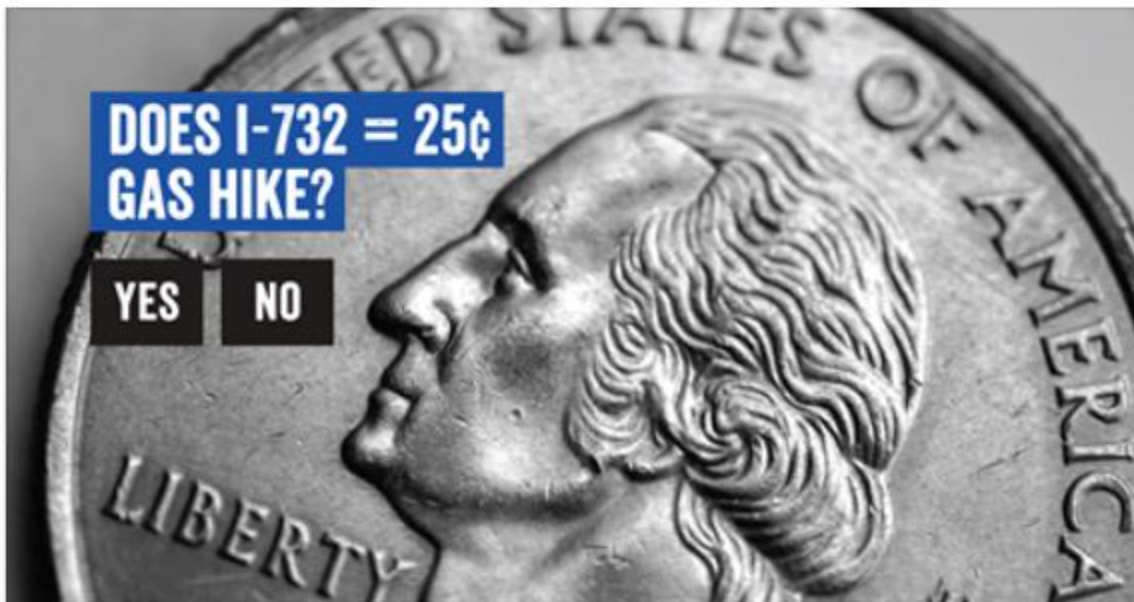
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Kyle Murphy replied 2 days ago (Mon, 15 Aug at 3:52 PM)
to : pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Hi Jacob,

I am attaching 3 additional screenshots that show the 'sponsored' stamp from SHIFTWA - this means that they have financed with Facebook to 'boost' their post. You can see in one of the screenshots a comment from someone saying they see this ad 'every single day' (you can also use this link to the [SHIFTWA post](#) to see his comment, its about the 10th on down).

It is overwhelmingly likely that the sponsored posts exceed \$100, judging by the number of engagements with each post. I can also provide a handful of witnesses who can attest to seeing the sponsored posts, and some would even be willing to go to the PDC office and open their facebook accounts to show you if that is what it takes.

Here is a guide showing [Facebook's pricing](#), but without having access to their account info I cannot determine exactly how much they are spending.

It is impossible that these posts are generating this much organic attention because they are not posted on ShiftWA's [Facebook homepage](#). ShiftWA's regular followers are not seeing these posts - the way they are reaching people who are commenting and liking the posts is through 'sponsored' posts that they are hiding from their timeline.

Please let me know if this is enough to re-open the complaint.



3 Attachments



Dale Hjelm Everyday I see this post asking me if I know how much the carbon tax will cost me. Funny I haven't seen any asking if I know how much sea level rise, climate change, and everything that goes along with that will cost me, my children, and generations to come.

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Greg Rock Help this important campaign at www.yeson732.org and like our FB page Yes On I-732



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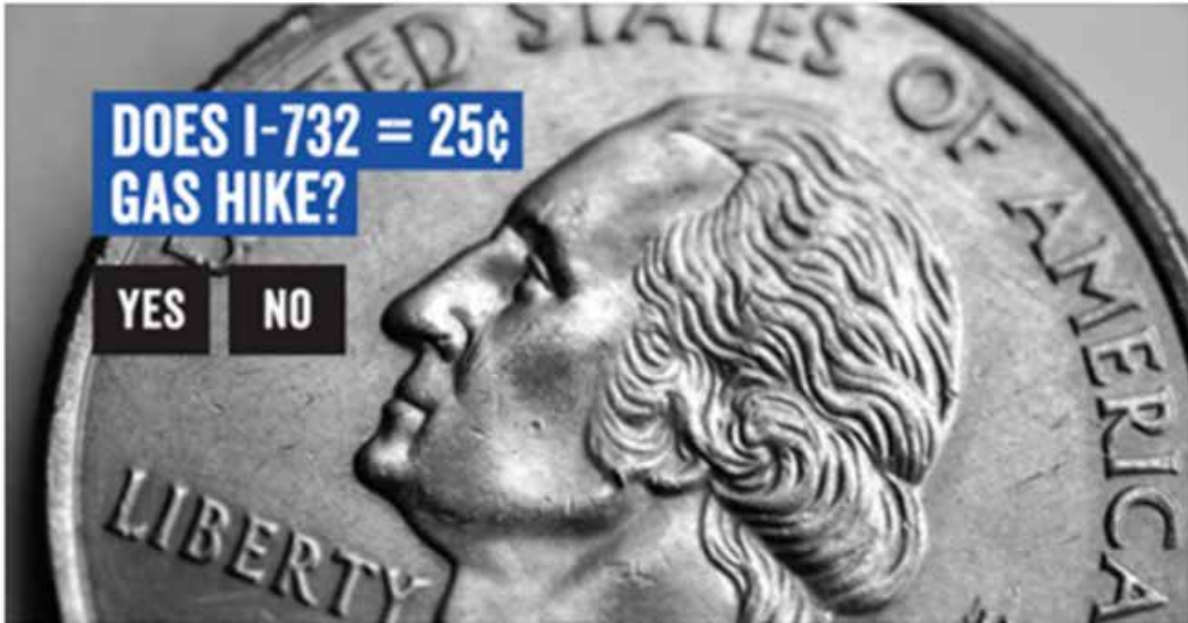


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