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Public Disclosure Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint to the Public Disclosure Commission against the Committee to Elect Tim Sheldon for not adequately describing expenditures in C4 Summary Reports. In his C4 reports, he describes expenditures as “management/consulting service” for a majority of vendors. This description does not provide any detail about what the committee is spending campaign dollars on, which is a violation of Public Disclosure Commission campaign finance reporting law.

According to RCW 42.17A.240(6), the report shall disclose the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the period covered by the report as well as the amount, date *and purpose of each expenditure*. Describing the purpose of most expenditures as “management/consulting service,” is far too general and should be looked into further.

The public has the right to know how campaigns are spending their money, so they can make informed decisions about candidates. Inadequate descriptions of expenditures undermine this right.

I respectfully request an investigation into this unlawful conduct by the Committee to Elect Tim Sheldon be issued immediately.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at: samantha@senatedemocrats.org or 206-420-3351.

Sincerely,

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