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(Thu, 15 Nov 2018 at 8:24 PM)

Dear Mr. Ragins:

I would like to begin by acknowledging that I agree with the complainant that much in our political processes and elections is annoying. However, the quality of annoyingness is not a violation of law or even voter expectations.

To the substance of this complaint:

1. This text was not a mass communication, it was a customized communication, unique by definition.
2. This text was not political advertisement as it did not advocate for a candidate but was in fact a "get out the vote" message.
3. I made a good faith effort to identify both the person sending the text message and the campaign with which the message was associated. Had the complainant simply texted us back to ask for the identifying information he felt was lacking, campaign staff would have happily complied. In fact we did have several back-and-forth conversations with other individuals to their satisfaction. We would be happy to turn these over to the PDC for their review.
4. That the text was "unsolicited" does not in any way make it illegal. This was part of a legitimate text messaging service (Hustle) sanctioned by the Washington State Democrats.

I refute the allegations and will comply with your decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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