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January 25, 2019

Delivered electronically to Doug Ericksen at “[doug@senatorericksen.com](mailto:doug@senatorericksen.com)”

Subject: Complaint filed by Samantha Kersul, PDC Case 42944

Dear Senator Ericksen:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Samantha Kersul concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Samantha Kersul, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at [jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hansen  
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Sandahl  
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For Peter Lavallee  
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Delivered electronically to Samantha Kersul at “[samantha@senatedemocrats.org](mailto:samantha@senatedemocrats.org)”

Subject: Complaint regarding Doug Ericksen, PDC Case 42944

Dear Samantha Kersul:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on October 31, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Doug Ericksen, current Senator and candidate for re-election in Legislative District 42 in the 2018 election, may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 for accepting over-limit contributions from two individual donors.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by Kristi Harting, Treasurer for the 2018 Campaign; and the applicable PDC reports filed by Respondent, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- On September 9, 2015, Doug Ericksen filed a C-1 declaring his candidacy for re-election to State Senate in Legislative District 42, in the 2018 election and choosing the “Full Reporting” option.
- RCW 42.17A.405 states that candidates for legislative office are limited to \$1,000 from individuals in the aggregate per primary and general election.
- The complaint included a summary showing general election contributions from Mary Ferlin and John Ferlin totaling \$2,000 apiece. In addition, the summary showed that the Ferlin’s had each given \$600 for the primary election.
- In her response, Campaign Treasurer Kristi Harting, stated that Mary and John Ferlin had not made contributions in excess of \$1,000 per election, however, the contributions were attributed incorrectly on the C-3 report initially filed on June 5, 2018.
- In response to staff’s request, the Campaign submitted an amended C-3 report on December 26, 2018, to correctly disclose a \$400 contribution received on May 30, 2018 each from Mary Ferlin and from John Ferlin attributed to the primary election.

Based on these findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to accurately disclose and attribute two contributions from two individual donors to the Doug Ericksen 2018 Legislative Campaign, does not amount to an actual violation warranting further investigation.

Doug Ericksen made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of these errors, Senator Ericksen timely filed amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections as requested by staff.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Doug Ericksen