

Complaint Description

File a Formal Complaint - Bret Uhrich

Bret Uhrich (Tue, 6 Nov 2018 at 2:21 PM)

Respondent is sending out unsolicited text messages to people they believe are constituents in the legislative district. In this situation, I do not live in the legislative district but the information in the communication shows me that the campaign has acquired a list from someone other than a person voluntarily giving their contact information to the campaign. In this case, "Yvonne" is my mother who formerly lives in the legislative district but goes by "Susie" and based on my knowledge of my mother should would not give her contact information to Washington Conservation Voters. This shows the list was generated in a manner other than voluntarily providing his contact information to the campaign. This communication constitutes a "mass communication" as defined by WAC 390-05-290 and "political advertising" under subsection (3) as it is used for the purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support or opposition in any election campaign. Under RCW 42.17A.320(1), this communication must include sponsor's name and address. In this case, the communication does not include the sponsor's address.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Unsolicited text messages from campaigns are a menace. While they are not themselves a violation of electioneering rules, they should be strictly held to statutory and regulatory law governing political advertising and electioneering communications

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

Screen shot of text message which violates RCW 42.17A.320(1) by failing to include the sponsor's address. Screen shot of of perpetrator's LinkedIn profile confirming identity of the sender

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

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c/o Washington Conversation Voters

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.