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5 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**  
6 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH RCW 42.17A:

PDC CASE NO. 15-043

ORDER

8 Washington Education Association Political  
9 Action Committee and Working Together for  
10 the 17<sup>th</sup> PAC

11 Respondents.

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13 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)  
14 on January 9, 2015 at the PDC Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington.  
15 Those participating by telephone conference included Grant Degginger, Chair; Katrina Asay,  
16 Vice Chair; Amit Ranade, Member; and Anne Levinson, Member. Presenting this matter on  
17 behalf of Commission staff was Tony Perkins, PDC Acting Assistant Director. Also in  
18 attendance at the meeting were Andrea McNamara Doyle, PDC Executive Director and Senior  
19 Assistant Attorney General Linda A. Dalton, and PDC staff member Jana Greer as  
20 recorder/reporter of the proceeding. No representatives of the Respondents participated in the  
21 matter. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

22 This case concerns allegations in a 45-day Citizen Action Complaint (Complaint) filed  
23 by James Abernathy of The Freedom Foundation pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765(4) on  
24 November 10, 2014 alleging that the Respondents<sup>1</sup> violated RCW 42.17A.335(1)(a) and

25 <sup>1</sup> The Respondent entities were separately referenced in the complaint, and will be described separately  
26 in this order.

1 42.17A.335(1)(c) by sponsoring political advertising and electioneering communications in the  
2 form of a television commercial, flyers, and website content that contained false statements  
3 about the Freedom Foundation and Lynda Wilson, a candidate for State Representative in the  
4 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in 2014. The statements at issue concerned the Freedom Foundation's  
5 alleged "support" for and "connection" to Ms. Wilson.

6 The Complaint was submitted to the Washington State Attorney General's Office and  
7 was referred to the PDC by the Attorney General's Office for investigation and possible action.  
8 Commission staff opened an investigation and completed a Report of Investigation dated  
9 January 7, 2015 with exhibits. At this meeting, the Commission was provided with a copy of  
10 the Report of Investigation and an Executive Summary and PDC Staff Analysis and  
11 Recommendation. Mr. Perkins presented a summary of the staff's investigation, analysis, and  
12 recommendation.

13 At the conclusion of Mr. Perkins' presentation, the Commission voted unanimously to  
14 accept the staff recommendation, dismiss the allegations contained in the Complaint, and direct  
15 Staff to recommend to the Attorney General that no further action be taken with respect to the  
16 allegations.

17 **ORDER**

18 By unanimous vote, the Commission orders that:

- 19 1) PDC Case No. 15-043 is dismissed; and  
20 2) Staff transmit the Commission's recommendation to the Attorney General that no  
21 further action be taken with respect to these allegations.

22 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

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1 So ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

2 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
3 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

4 FOR THE COMMISSION:

5 *Andrea M. Doyle*

6 Andrea McNamara Doyle  
7 Executive Director

8 *Copy of this Order to:*

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25 I, Kurt Young, <sup>e-mailed</sup> certify that I mailed a copy of this order to  
26 Respondents Washington Education Association and Working Together for the 17<sup>th</sup> PAC  
through their counsel as noted above, postage prepaid, on the date stated herein.

Signature *Kurt Young*

Date *January 9, 2015*