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RE: Notice of Violations of RCW 42.17A (John Braun)
SCBIL File No. 6552-021

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

On behalf of the Washington State Democratic Party, we write to notify you that there is good reason to believe several violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act, RCW 42.17A et seq., have been committed by State Senator John Braun and Senator Braun's authorized political committee (the "Respondents"). Please consider this our 45-day notice pursuant RCW 42.17A.765(4).

This notice details several violations of Washington's campaign finance law committed by Respondents, as set forth below.

Respondents filed several untimely C-4 reports required by law to be filed with the Public Disclosure Commission, RCW 42.17A.235 and .240, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Respondents also failed to timely deposit contributions received pursuant to RCW 42.17A.220, as set forth in Exhibit B.

Further, Respondents filed several untimely C-3 reports required by law to be filed with the Public Disclosure Commission, RCW 42.17A.235 and .240, as set forth in Exhibit C.

The laws regulating the reporting of campaign contributions serve a critical role in promoting transparency and ethical conduct in our elections. Respondents' disregard for these laws show an unacceptable lack of commitment to the principles our campaign finance laws uphold.

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Please be aware that if you do not initiate an action against Respondents within the applicable statutory notice periods, we intend to satisfy any applicable notice requirements and proceed with an action in the name of the State. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dmitri Iglitzin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dmitri Iglitzin

Counsel for Washington State Democrats

Enclosures

cc: Linda Dalton, Assistant Attorney General
Thurston County Prosecutor
Clark County Prosecutor
Cowlitz County Prosecutor
Lewis County Prosecutor