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6-15-2018

Delivered electronically to "kretzranch@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 27158

Dear Joel Kretz:

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

As noted below to Karen Hardy, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s_____
Micaiah Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s_____
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Delivered electronically to “walter@smithdietrich.com”

Subject: Complaint regarding Joel Kretz, PDC Case 27158

Dear Walter Smith

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 17, 2017 on behalf of Karen Hardy. Your complaint alleged that Joel Kretz may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.430 for the unauthorized transfer of committee funds and failure to timely file contributions and expenditures.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

The allegations contained in the complaint underlying PDC Case 27158 are substantially similar to a citizen action complaint, filed with the Attorney General's Office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765.

On January 30, 2018, the PDC became aware that a lawsuit containing substantially similar allegations as the complaint underlying PDC Case 27158 was filed in Superior Court in the name of Washington State.

The Superior Court now has primary jurisdiction over the substance of this complaint; the PDC will defer to their judgment in bringing the issues to resolution.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Micaiah Ragins at 1-360-586-4555 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

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cc: Joel Kretz