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Mr Tony Perkins
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Dear Mr Perkins:

I was the Treasurer of the Mason County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC) from January 1, 2015 to April 21, 2017. (A copy of my resignation letter is attached for your ready reference.) I write to you regarding a campaign finance complaint filed by Mr Glen Morgan against the MCDCC and the MCDCC response to that complaint.

I learned of the complaint in a telephone call in late October 2017. The then MCDCC chair, Ms Diane McLean, called to tell me that someone had filed a complaint against MCDCC; she mentioned late reports, incomplete reports and unreported debts as elements of the complaint. I could hardly believe my ears. To begin, the MCDCC never had a debt while I was Treasurer and to end, what weirdo would file a complaint against an organization that has 75 dues-paying members and that rarely (if ever) had \$8,000 in the bank?

I was openly dismissive of Ms McLean's description of the complaint, much to her consternation. Though I knew it to be a baseless attack, I advised her that I would go anywhere, address any official, and answer any and all questions related to the reports. I saw the complaint and the response on Nov. 12, 2017.

Having read both complaint and response, I am dismissive of both. The complaint (in barely readable tabular format) presents no proof of violations; solely statements that violations occurred. I found it difficult to understand the MCDCC response, which was not prepared by me.

Let there be no misunderstanding, Mr Perkins. I, as the MCDCC Treasurer from January 2015 to April 2017, prepared all of the inclusive ORCA reports without input or review from any other member of the organization. I attended the ORCA PDC training, enrolled as the sole filing official and am intimately knowledgeable of every report's contents and timing. How the MCDCC concluded that it could prepare a decent response without my input is beyond me. Assuming that Mr Morgan's baseless allegations had merit and responding so cravenly is congruent with the authors' resignations. Thanks for nothing.

I do not claim that my ORCA reports were perfect; that would be naive. At the same time, I can say that I am and was at all times committed to the sound principles of the State's campaign finance disclosure requirements, and that my reports were in furtherance of transparency. I'd also like to believe that PDC staff would testify that my interactions with them demonstrated my commitment to the State's campaign finance reporting regime. The fact that I chose the expanded form of ORCA reporting underscores that commitment.

Due to the superficiality of the complaint, and lacking access to the relevant records, I cannot responsibly address the complaint. Nonetheless, I believe I am the person best suited to aid the AGO in understanding the MCDCC ORCA reporting process during the period January 2015 to April 2017, and to that end, I reiterate to you the commitment I made to Ms McLean; if the AGO believes that the person who prepared the reports at question might have information relevant to this inquiry, I am at your disposal. Contact me at the above address.

To further demonstrate that commitment, if, at the conclusion of this agencies/private right of action process, a competent 3rd party should determine that during my tenure, the MCDCC violated Washington's campaign financing regimen and concealed the sources of contributions, and/or the purposes of payments, I will not shirk my responsibilities. I will personally pay any fine levied against the organization.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Walsh

cc: MCDCC
✓ Ms Jennifer Hansen, PDC