



## Washington State Republican Party

September 11, 2017

### **VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Fox Blackhorn, Compliance Coordinator  
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission  
P.O. Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

RE: Possible violations of RCW 42.17A.555 by Washington State University and/or Lisa Brown

Dear Mr. Blackhorn:

On behalf of the Washington State Republican Party, I am notifying the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission of multiple possible violations of RCW 42.17A.555 by Washington State University (WSU) and its employee(s), including but not limited to, Lisa Brown, in assisting Lisa Brown's campaign for Congress.

RCW 42.17A.555 states:

*"No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office..." and "Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency." (Underlining added)*

On August 30, 2017, Lisa Brown, an employee of WSU at that time, announced that she was running for Congress in Washington's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. In an announcement video found at this URL [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=5&v=FpM5-9SjXVw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=FpM5-9SjXVw), Ms. Brown utilizes numerous clips of video taken presumably by WSU employees within WSU buildings. In addition, the video appears to feature WSU employees, students, facilities, and drawings.

Ms. Brown was a WSU employee during the creation of this video and during the announcement. It appears, Ms. Brown invested substantial time in this endeavor while an employee of WSU.

With the facts presented here it is apparent that Ms. Brown used state resources to assist her campaign for Congress in violation of RCW 42.17A.555. It is also possible that WSU may violated 42.17A.555 to the extent WSU intentionally assisted Ms. Brown by knowing about or facilitating the use of WSU employees, students, facilities and other resources for the purpose of Ms. Brown's announcement and video.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact me at 206-228-1213 or [dan@danbradylaw.com](mailto:dan@danbradylaw.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Brady', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Brady, Legal Counsel

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CC: Caleb Heimlich, Executive Director, WSRP

1. Attachment: Screen shots from video

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