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December 11, 201

Delivered electronically to "christywatts2@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case 25215

Dear Christine Watts:

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

As noted below to Kyle Beauchamp, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter. PDC staff is reminding you about the importance of timely reporting contributions and expenditures, and ensuring compliance with the law even when unexpected events occur. PDC Staff expects that your campaign develops contingency plans for complying with the law in the absence of the treasurer.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Barbara Sandahl
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Delivered electronically to "kylebeauchamp@gmail.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Christy Watts, PDC Case 25215

Dear Kyle Beauchamp:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 6, 2017. Your complaint alleged that Christy Watts may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 for failure to timely report contributions and expenditures and RCW 42.17A.245 for failure to electronically file reports of contributions and expenditures.

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

- When Christine Watts filed her initial C-1 on 5/26/17, she selected Mini-Reporting, and per WAC 390-16-105, was not required to file C-3 or C-4 reports provided she raised and spent no more than \$5,000 in the aggregate, and received no more than \$500 from any contributor except herself.
- When it became clear that the Mini-Reporting limits were going to be exceeded, the Watts campaign applied for permission to convert to Full Reporting, which per WAC 390-16-125 required filing of any C-3 and C-4 reports that would have been due since the start of the campaign.
- Due to extenuating circumstances, the initial C-4 was filed on a hard-copy of the form. As part of the conversion to Full Reporting, electronic versions of the necessary C-3 and C-4 reports have been submitted.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, initial submission of a C-4 on a hard-copy of the form does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation.

PDC Staff is reminding Christy Watts about the importance of timely reporting contributions and expenditures, and ensuring compliance with the law even when unexpected events occur. PDC Staff expects that the Christy Watts campaign develops contingency plans for complying with the law in the absence of the treasurer.

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 Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at fox.blackhorn@pdcc.wa.gov.

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cc: Christy Watts