

Committee to Elect Matt Shea (R)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the PDC complaint filed against me. I will address these allegations point by point.

Allegation A) This allegation includes legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that some of these reports may have been filed late, it was due to our efforts to compile the actual expenditures made and contributions received to ensure that the public had an accurate representation of our campaign's financial activity.

Allegation B) This allegation includes legal conclusions to which no response is required. Many if not all of the items identified in this allegation do not meet the definition of "debt" as contained in RCW 42.17A.240 (8). To the extent that the items identified in this allegation could have been reported as debt, although debatable, we will amend the reports in question to provide it. However, this is only done in the interest of full transparency despite continued dispute over the definition.

Allegation C) To the extent that the items identified in this allegation require additional breakdown, we amended the reports in question to provide it.

This concludes my response to the specific allegations made against the campaign.

However, I will note that RCW 42.17A.001 reads in part: "...this chapter shall be enforced so as to ensure that the information disclosed will not be misused for arbitrary and capricious purposes and to ensure that all persons reporting under this chapter will be protected from harassment and unfounded allegations based on information they have freely disclosed."

The complainant has filed numerous complaints against elected officials with the goal of harassing them. On these grounds, and based on the fact that the campaign is substantially in compliance with the law, uses a Certified Public Accountant for filing, conducts regular independent third-party audits of filings, and is working towards total compliance, I request that the complaint filed against me be immediately dismissed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to resolving this issue.

Sincerely,

Committee to Elect Matt Shea (R)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Shea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" and the last name "Shea" clearly distinguishable.

Matthew T. Shea