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Mr. Tim Probst
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SENT VIA EMAIL: timprobst@comcast.net

Re: PDC Case No. 4896—Clarification

Dear Mr. Probst:

You have asked for clarification regarding the Public Disclosure Commission's order in Case No. 4896. As you are aware, this matter started with a complaint by Mike Tiufekchiev of the Washington State Republican Party. The complaint alleged that you had failed to file a personal financial statement (F-1 Report) for your current Senate campaign.

The PDC looked into the issue, and contacted you for information. You explained that you had inadvertently missed filing that report—you had previously filed annual reports timely when you were as State Representative. Upon learning that you had missed filing the campaign F-1, you promptly filed the report.

The PDC staff brought the issue to a brief hearing on June 28, 2016, and the Chair found that not filing the F-1 was a violation of the campaign finance laws, but she suspended any penalty on the condition that you have no other campaign finance violations for a period of four years. The order noted that the required F-1 had been filed, and you were not required to file an F-1 for 2012, 2013, or 2014. As of the date of that hearing, you had satisfied the concerns of the PDC.

At no point in the PDC's investigation was there an issue of you taking money and not reporting it to the PDC. The PDC does track campaign contributions and expenditures, and would have looked into any allegation that you or your campaign had received additional money for your campaign. The PDC did not find that you have hidden any money from our oversight. I have

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reviewed the political advertisements that contain these accusations and they are not correct. Furthermore, to the extent that the advertisement may be referring to compensation you received as a state employee, that is not something the PDC would ordinarily have reason to review.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,


Evelyn Fielding Lopez
Executive Director