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Public Disclosure Commission
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Re: Alleged Violation of RCW 42.17A.220

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the complaint from Mr. Glen Morgan that the Commission received on July 16th, 2019. Mr. Morgan alleges that the Friends of Pinky Vargas 2018 Committee violated campaign finance law as it pertains to anonymous contributions. Below I address the alleged violation identified in Mr. Morgan's complaint.

1. Accepting Illegal Over-limit Anonymous Contributions.

The RCW 42.17A.220(4) that Mr. Morgan cites clearly states:

Unidentified contributions... in excess of one percent of the total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if his or her identity can be ascertained.

The Committee raised \$555,873.56 in 2018. In this instance, one percent of the total raised in the calendar year was greater than the \$300 limit, and therefore the Committee adhered to the one percent limit of \$5,558.74. The \$689 total of anonymous funds accepted by the committee in 2018 is well below the limit allowed by state law.

Thank you for the opportunity to address Mr. Morgan's complaint. Please let us know if there is any further information we can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. PETTERSON", with a stylized flourish extending from the "J".

Jay Petterson
Treasurer