

People to Elect Ben Stuckart
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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Case No. 55065

Dear Ms. Blacksmith:

The complaint alleges that Ben Stuckart violated Washington's State's campaign laws with a reference to RCW 42.17A.220 (4) by accepting more the \$300 in anonymous contributions. It alleges that the \$551 accepted is over the \$300 limit.

A careful reading of RCW 42.17A.220 (4) shows this is not a true allegation:

(4) Accumulated unidentified contributions, other than those made by persons whose names must be maintained on a separate and private list by a political committee's treasurer pursuant to RCW 42.17A.240(2), 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. If the donor cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.

The statute is attachment number 1. The second attachment is my total contributions. It shows \$146,000 in total contributions. According to the statute I should be able to have up to one percent of the total. \$1,460 is my limit. The statute is clear and there is no violation.

In conclusion, the statute itself clearly shows there is no violation.

Sincerely,

Ben Stuckart