

Mx. Fox Blackhorn
Compliance Coordinator 2
Public Disclosure Commission

Re: PDC Case Number 58011

Greetings Fox,

I am aware of Mr. Cody Hart in the context of him having made a compelling complaint to the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BORPELS) last year in the August-September timeframe concerning WSDOT. We/CRAB became aware of his complaint via information sent to us by the Skagit County Engineer as Mr. Hart sent a copy of his complaint to the County as it appears he is a resident of Sedro-Woolley.

Part of my responsibilities here at the Washington State County Road Administration Board is to act as the interagency liaison, therefore I have regular contact with other state and local agencies that affect our business or the business of County Road Departments. I have regular contact for example with the State Auditor's Office, BORPELS, WSDOT, DNR, MRSC, AWC, WSAC, WSACE, etc.

In that capacity, I worked with Mr. Ken Fuller, the BORPELS Executive Director, and Mr. Pat Beehler the DNR State Surveyor, regarding survey monument protection within public road Right-of-Way in the latter half of last year. Mr. Fuller was new to his position and Washington State. Because of that relationship and because Mr. Fuller liked CRAB's small state agency business model, he asked us questions about our business model and some general questions about the legislative process as he and his Board were interested in becoming their own independent small state agency.

As you will note in the materials Mr. Hart supplied to support his complaint, my email address shows up in some of Mr. Ken Fuller's correspondence regarding BORPELS 2019 legislative efforts to separate themselves from the Department of Licensing (DOL) and become an independent small state agency. He was simply keeping us apprised of the status of his agency's legislative efforts.

I/CRAB made no efforts to, grassroots or otherwise, directly or indirectly, officially or unofficially, lobby the State Legislature. This agency did take one official action of support in a letter from our Executive Director to the legislative committee Chairs considering the proposed Bill, see attachment to this response.

Therefore, I/CRAB respectfully submit the allegations in the complaint are false and unsupported.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Sam Hunt
Washington State Senator
Chair, State Government, Tribal Relations and Elections

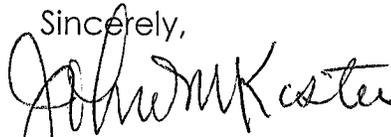
The Honorable Mia Gregerson
Washington State Representative
Chair, State Government and Tribal Relations

Re: SB 5443, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
and Land Surveyors, BORPELS
Sponsors: Senators Van De Wege and Zeiger

Dear Senator Hunt and Representative Gregerson:

The Washington State County Road Administration Board (CRAB) supports the Board's efforts and request to the Legislature to separate from the Department of Licensing (DOL) and become an independent state agency. Five of our fifteen staff are registered Professional Engineers and we work directly with the 39 county road departments, each led by a registered Professional Engineer by state statute.

Sincerely,


JOHN KOSTER
Executive Director