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Dear Tabitha Blacksmith,

First, thank you for your help on the phone a while back. We also appreciate the email delineating what we needed to do in order to right the issues with our reporting.

As we shared on the phone with you, the ORCA system and the PDC filing system is exceptionally difficult to understand and navigate. Using this system is not a daily weekly, monthly or even yearly task that I have done. When I ran 6 years ago, I filed with your office and did no campaigning whatsoever as I ran unopposed. Also, I am not very tech savvy so my wife and campaign advisor did the best they could to help me. Anne, my wife, went on the site numerous times with me and each time was very frustrated by the "clunkiness" of the system. Looking for the specific forms that were being requested was not easy and there were many times she thought she was on the correct path, and would only find that we were not. Most of these attempts were in June and early July.

On the first allegation, my understanding was that I DID timely register as a candidate within two weeks of my candidacy.

On the second allegation, my understanding was that we DID timely and accurately report expenditures. As my campaign was incredibly small, there really were not many items that we spent money on. Each time we spent any funds, they were reported to our campaign advisor and he entered those items into the ORCA system. Many of the funds were our own monies being used for the purposes of my campaign. By the way, our Advisor felt the ORCA site was incredibly slow, inefficient, and unstable. He found that it crashed almost every time that he uploaded reports to the system. If the system crashes, and we think we have got the report sent, is it the system? Absolutely. We went based on what we were seeing on the site.

On the third allegation, my understanding was that we DID sufficiently provide details for the expenditures and in-kind contributions. We followed the instructions as they were requested/stated on the website. No where did we see items outlining the level of detail which you seemed to be requesting information on now. If our reports were inadequate, why would we have to wait for a citizen complaint to be informed. We would gladly have provided that level of detail at the time - we just needed to know that was the expectation.

In your email to us dated 12/2/19, you stated that further assistance can be provided. Based on what you see today (in this email and in the ORCA entries) if you feel we need to do further work, we will need WAY more assistance. We feel that this filing and request is an attempt by someone who has too much time on their hands to complicate the democratic system and punish those that are willing to put themselves out there for our public and communities. As the old saying goes, "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished."

I hope that this is all that is needed for this complaint. And I do appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Also, I do have a question. Is there a fee for the "complainer" to file his complaint. Possibly, that would be a deterrent for someone to do what he is doing. His complaint is obviously cut and pasted and some of his filings did not even apply to my situation. Additionally, I was not re-elected. So, you all will not have to deal with my inability to navigate the system again.

Finally, David Brauhn, our advisor, has gone into the system and amended the five items outlined in the email to us. Please note those changes.

Thanks for your help on this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Swant

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