



**State of Washington  
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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March 10, 2020

Delivered electronically to [colleen.bryant@abbott.com](mailto:colleen.bryant@abbott.com)

Subject: Staff-generated complaint, PDC Case 64934

Dear Abbott Laboratories:

On February 13, 2020, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) notified you of an alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.630 for failure to timely file the annual Lobbyist Employer's Expense report (L-3 report) disclosing lobbying activities for calendar year 2018.

PDC staff have reviewed this matter and found the following:

- The PDC received your annual L-3 report for 2018 on February 19, 2020, as required by RCW 42.17A.630. As a Lobbyist employer, the yearly report is due by the last day of February of each following year, making your report **356 days late**.

Abbott Laboratories completed a *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) and paid a \$100 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging a violation of RCW 42.17A.630 for failing to timely file the annual *Employer's Lobbying Expenses* report (L-3 report), disclosing lobbying activity in calendar year 2018, due no later than February 28, 2019. The \$100 penalty assessed resolves the allegation.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1)(a). The PDC will not conduct a more formal investigation into this allegation or take further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 1-360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

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Tabatha Blacksmith  
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Endorsed by,

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