

Mario (Mon, 24 Feb 2020 at 1:22 PM)

My statement.

I called and spoke to Fox Blackhorn. He advised me to reply to this email with my response.

I work in many capacities for WMEA. One of them used to be lobbyist. However, when I took on the job of editor, I had to stop spending time and resources as a lobbyist. I have not actually spent any time or resources on lobbying since 2017. I know that I became the editor by May of 2017 and sometime after that, there was no extra time to lobby.

However, I have tried to stay up-to-date on my filing so that I do not get fined. All of my filings for the last several years have been zero. I have called on several occasions to figure out how to get off the list so that I don't have to remember to file, since actually lobbying is no longer part of my regular duties. But I have not focused on getting off the list and so I have not done it yet.

When I spoke to Fox Blackhorn, he informed me that one of my filings was sitting in the "saved" queue and not the "submitted" queue. I logged in and hit submit on that one report.

I feel a little stuck. I have to file to report that I am not doing something. If I do not file, I get in trouble for not reporting that I am not doing anything. It would be best for me to be removed from the lobbyist list since I will probably not lobby anymore for WMEA.

I am not certain if this email will serve as my response, but this is what I have been advised to do.

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