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August 7, 2020

Delivered electronically to Mark Lamb, Legal Counsel for Matt Shea

Subject: Complaint regarding 2020 Matt Shea for State Representative Campaign, PDC Case 70561

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Leonard Christian concerning the complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) against your client, Matt Shea and the 2020 Matt Shea for State Representative (Campaign).

As noted below in the electronic letter sent to Mr. Christian, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into the allegation listed in the complaint or taking any enforcement action in this matter concerning a \$65.32 Campaign expenditure reimbursing Matt Shea for the purchase of a “security curtain.”

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), the PDC is issuing a formal written warning to Matt Shea concerning the prohibition of making expenditures using campaign funds that may also have a personal use component, would likely constitute a violation of RCW 42.17A. Representative Shea is hereby advised that the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action, should there be future violations of PDC laws or rules.

The PDC has dismissed the complaint in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1). If you have questions, you may contact Kurt Young at (360) 664-8854, toll-free at 1-877-601- 2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s _____
Electronically Signed, Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

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Dear Mr. Christian:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 18, 2020, against Matt Shea, an incumbent Washington State Representative in the 4th Legislative District, alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.445 by making a personal prohibited expenditure using campaign funds.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements for a legislative candidate; the Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) filed by the 2020 Matt Shea for State Representative Campaign to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations. Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- On February 11, 2019, Matt Shea filed a Candidate Registration (C-1 report) declaring his candidacy for re-election to the office of State Representative in the 4th Legislative District in 2020, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing Merri Nickerson as Treasurer.
- On May 11, 2020, the 2020 Matt Shea for State Representative Campaign (Campaign) filed the April 2020 C-4 report disclosing contribution and expenditure information undertaken during the month, that included a \$65.32 expenditure made to Matt Shea on April 11, 2020 and listing the description as a reimbursement for "home goods security curtain."

Staffs review found that Representative Shea made a decision to not seek re-election, and is no longer a candidate for State Representative in 2020. In addition, the \$65.32 expenditure made to Matt Shea reimbursing him for the purchase of a "security curtain" was a very small expenditure of campaign funds, both in the amount of the expenditure and concerning the percentage of the \$65.32 reimbursement to the overall campaign expenditures made.

Based on these facts, staff found that the expenditure identified in your complaint would not constitute a material violation that would require conducting a more formal investigation into the complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this instance.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), the PDC is issuing a formal written warning to the Matt Shea Campaign concerning the prohibition of making expenditures using campaign funds that may also have a personal use component, would likely constitute a violation. Representative Shea will be advised that the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action, should there be future violations of PDC laws or rules.

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cc: Mark Lamb, legal counsel for Matt Shea

