

Dear Ms. Townsend,

Please accept this letter as the response from Friends of Kelly Chambers to your email regarding PDC Case Number 7418. Mr. Columbo has previously filed complaints against the campaign that you have dismissed.

In this case, as the campaign advisor I made an error on behalf of the campaign. We hope the facts will show that the error was minor, internally corrected before receipt of the complaint, and no voter was inconvenienced through this error.

The campaign made a small hand addressed, photocopied mailing. This is not typical for campaigns, and the production of the mailing was done entirely on a dining room table by volunteers. The normal design process wasn't used – it was an actual handwritten letter from the candidate.

The mailing is from the candidate, about the candidate, and makes no mention of the opponent. It clearly references a request for the recipient to vote for the candidate. The complaint suggests that the harm of the mailing is based on confusing the campaign letter with a legislative communication. This is fortunately not possible, since the letter refers to the election. Fortunately, the intended purpose of our state's disclosure law was not harmed in any way. The nature of the letter itself makes this project inherently substantively compliant.

The handmade nature of the mailing meant I did not think to include a paid for disclosure on the mailing. This occurred to me shortly after it was mailed, but before we used this same handmade process for a second mailing. That second mailing did include a paid for disclosure and that second mailing was issued before we received this complaint. This fact shows a sincere desire to comply with state law, and a willingness to self-correct.

We hope you will dismiss the complaint, since by the complainant's own standard, no harm was done. If that is not possible, we have already corrected the error, and do respect the Commission's commitment to both technical and substantive compliance with the law.

Thank you for receiving this response.

Sincerely,

Alex Hays
On Behalf of Friends of Kelly Chambers.