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Ms. Hansen,

Thank you for the reminder to send you an official response to this matter. Here is the requested narrative.

My 2016 campaign filings were done for me by William Berkman whom I had known for several years prior to his untimely death earlier this year.

Mr. Berkman worked in a financial capacity for a start-up technology company in San Francisco prior to moving to Tri Cities in about 2003. Locally he performed financial services (cost estimating and accounting) for Babcock Services.

Despite his background, Mr. Berkman apparently did not understand the necessary steps and processes to accurately report the lawful movement of campaign contributions from my brief 2014 federal campaign to my 2016 Franklin County commissioner campaign.

The funds from the 2014 federal campaign were either returned to individual contributors, or carried forward for a future state or county campaign with the donors permission. In 2014 I secured written instructions from the individual contributors by sending them forms (and return envelopes) to indicate their instructions to return or use the funds for a state/county campaign. In 2014 some contributors gave us verbal commitments to use the funds for a state or county campaign instead of returning the written slip I sent them. Mr. Berkman used a few of those names in error. That has been cleaned up.

All the funds have been accounted for...despite the poor quality, inaccurate reporting.

There was never any attempt to use or report funds improperly.

Going forward, I will be securing help from professionals well acquainted with PDC procedures and requirements.

Thank you for your willingness to work with us as we made the necessary and appropriate report amendments.

Kindest regards,  
Brad Peck  
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