## **Respondent Names**

Ron Anderson

# **Complainant Name**

**David Taylor** 

# **Complaint Description**

#### **David Taylor**

Tue, 12 Oct at 11:17 AM

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## What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

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### List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

I have a copy of the mail sent to the Farm Bureau.

# List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

(None Provided)

### **Certification (Complainant)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

From: Ron Anderson

<<u>Ron.Anderson@co.yakima.wa.us</u>>

Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 at 2:45

PM

To: John Stuhlmiller

<<u>JStuhlmiller@wsfb.com</u>>

Subject: Local chapter

Mr. Stuhlmiller,

I just learned that the local chapter of FB has endorsed Commissioner LaDon Linde's opponent.

I just do not understand their thinking on this.

He and his family were dairy farmers for many years in the Sunnyside area.

He is very well versed in farming practices and needs.

Given this action, I cannot continue my membership in Farm Bureau

Please advise membership to cancel my membership.

A sad situation .



Ron Anderson

Commissioner District 2 Board of Yakima County Commissioners 509-574-1500

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