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Sent electronically to:

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Subject: Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) After Opening a Formal Investigation, Bob Ferguson, PDC Case 137263

Dear Bob Ferguson,

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of two complaints alleging that you may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to identify required contributor information for contributions moved, with permission from the contributor, from a campaign for Attorney General to your 2024 campaign for Governor, PDC staff opened a formal investigation and held an Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) on July 21, 2023, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071.

At the hearing it was noted that the Case Status Review is not an adjudicative proceeding and that RCW 42.17A.755 provides PDC staff with additional tools to resolve complaints alleging non-compliance, including resolving alleged violations by agreement through stipulation or statement of understanding, or an agreement to stay enforcement pending satisfaction of conditions of deferred enforcement, and I am encouraging you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer, at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov) or by phone at 360-664-8853.

Sincerely,

*Electronically Signed Kim Bradford*

Kim Bradford  
Deputy Director