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(Tue, 3 Oct 2023 at 10:06 AM)  
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External Email

Good morning,

RE: 142714 - case number

We have received case number 142714, a complaint of alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to register as a political committee.

We believe this allegation is false for the following reasons:

1. RCW 42.17A.630 details that contributions of less than \$20,000 do not require reporting. Our contribution to the SCAR PAC in this allegation was \$10,000, and our total contributions to SCAR PAC will be less than \$15,000 by the end of 2023. At this time, no other PAC contributions are scheduled from our organization, leaving us well within the guidelines that do not require reporting.
2. We have been a nonprofit Foundation for over 20 years, and as noted in the allegation, only four PAC donations have been made. Also noted in the allegation was that our previous PAC donation was eight years ago. Our limited number of PAC donations and the substantial number of years between donations clearly indicates we are not a political action organization, rather, we concentrate on our mission of assisting marginalized communities rise out of poverty which on rare occasion means a PAC donation is made.
3. The SCAR PAC reported our donation within the required guidelines.
4. We do not meet the qualifications for an Incidental Committee.
5. We do not collect contributions specifically for supporting ballot measures or political campaigns.

If you need additional information, I am happy to assist. Please use this contact information:

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(Original allegation notice was sent to [info@smith-barbieri.com](mailto:info@smith-barbieri.com)).

In solidarity for equity, opportunity & security for all,

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