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January 10, 2025

Delivered electronically to [doug@rauef.org](mailto:doug@rauef.org)

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 161501

Rural Americans United Education Foundation (RAUEF):

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Conner Edwards concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Conner Edwards, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Electronically signed Alice Fiman*

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Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

*Electronically signed Kim Bradford*

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Subject: Complaint regarding Rural Americans United Education Foundation (RAUEF), PDC Case 161501

Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint you filed Oct. 9, 2024. The complaint alleged that Rural Americans United Education Foundation (RAUEF), a Committee registered with the PDC, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts Monetary Contributions reports (C-3) and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditures reports (C-4), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the campaign, and RCW 42.17A.205 for failing the timely amend its registration.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations and evidence you submitted, the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements, the response provided by RAUEF, and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

It was determined RAUEF did not have a filing requirement with the PDC. Doug White, Director, Rural Americans United, stated RAUEF is an independent 510(c)(3) and does not participate in political activity. White noted the organization followed legal advice to register RAUEF with the PDC and now realizes this was not correct. RAUEF amended its report to remove the one contribution.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#). If you have questions, contact Alice Fiman at 1-877-601-2828 or at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov).

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