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Hello Erick,

First and foremost, my grave apologies for the delay in this email, while I am somewhat new to this position, and having had staff changes, along with the recent news of the state not funding our state workers contracts in the new budget we are in a complete crisis mode status here at WPEA.

I have read over the complaint from Conner Edwards, and while I cannot deny that the reports were submitted late to which we in the past have had an impeccable history of our reports being submitted on time, I also do believe they were filled accurately to the best of my knowledge and understanding of the PDC guidelines. In Mr. Edwards complaint he alleges that we are not reporting our in-kind contribution correctly however it is my understanding from the in-kind contribution disclosure (please see screen shot of description pulled from the PDC website) as a union we are required to report the time our staff is paid for their time rendered. If this is an incorrect, please do feel free to educate me on if this is not being done properly and needs to be done a different way.

In-kind contributions that must be disclosed

Common examples of in-kind contributions that are reportable include donated office space, free or reduced cost printing or polling services, training of campaign workers or managers or help with preparing political advertising at no cost to the campaign or at less than fair market value. Candidates and committees that received donated staff time from employers must report the contribution from the employer. **The same is true if a union or some other person or entity were pays an individual for the time or the services rendered to a campaign. Whenever the candidate or campaign receives an item or service that meets the definition of contribution and is not incidental (as discussed above), and the campaign does not pay full value for the item or service, a reportable in-kind contribution has been received.**

Thank you,

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