

Respondent Names
Washington Patriot State PAC
Complainant Name
Andrew Koeppen
Complaint Description
<p><u>Andrew Koeppen</u> reported via the portal <i>a day ago (Wed, 9 Jul 2025 at 5:49 AM)</i></p> <p>I am writing to report what I believe is a material misrepresentation on the Public Disclosure Commission reports filed by the Washington Patriot State PAC concerning a transaction with the Grant County Republican Party Central Committee (GCRPCC).</p> <p>According to the PDC's records, on February 27, 2025, the Washington Patriot State PAC reported that the GCRPCC made a donation of \$1,132.56 to the PAC. This is inaccurate and misrepresents the nature of the transaction.</p> <p>In January 2025, Victor Lombardi, who made a presentation to me where he claims himself to be one of the founders and leaders of the Washington Patriot State PAC, informed me that the PAC intended to donate a rifle to the GCRPCC for auction at our Lincoln Day Dinner in February. He later expanded that offer to two rifles. This was presented as a no-strings-attached donation, and this understanding was shared by the GCRPCC Lincoln Day Committee.</p> <p>After the event, Mr. Lombardi informed us that the PAC's actual intention was to split the auction proceeds from the rifles between the PAC and the GCRPCC. The Lincoln Day Committee opposed this arrangement, as it contradicted the original understanding. To avoid any confusion or inappropriate financial link between the two entities, the GCRPCC purchased the rifles outright for \$1,132.56, thus ensuring there was no shared revenue or donation implication.</p> <p>Despite this, the Washington Patriot State PAC reported the funds as a contribution rather than a purchase. Furthermore, their filings do not reflect the sale or transfer of the rifles, nor do they account for the acquisition of those rifles as an expenditure, in-kind donation, or otherwise.</p> <p>On June 5, 2025, during a meeting of the GCRPCC, Victor Lombardi and Candance Erickson, who has stated to me she is a political advisor to the PAC, were clearly notified that the PDC report regarding the rifles was incorrect and misleading. Mr. Lombardi acknowledged the concern and stated that he would correct the record and/or notify the PAC's treasurer. As of July 8, 2025, no correction has been made in the PDC system.</p> <p>This incorrect reporting:</p>

- Creates the **false impression** that the GCRPCC supports or contributes to the Washington Patriot State PAC, which is misleading to the public and damaging to the independence of our organization.
- **Fails to accurately disclose** the true nature of the transaction (a purchase, not a donation). The PAC was specifically informed through Victor Lombardi and Candance Erickson that their reporting was in error and no correction was done.
- **Omits any record** of the PAC's sale or disposition of the rifles, resulting in inaccurate financial accounting.

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

The public relies on the accuracy of campaign finance records to understand the relationships and financial activities between political committees. The misreporting by the Washington Patriot State PAC falsely suggests that the Grant County Republican Party Central Committee (GCRPCC) made a political contribution to the PAC, when in fact no such contribution occurred. This misrepresentation undermines transparency and misleads the public into believing there is a financial or ideological alignment between our local party organization and the PAC.

Inaccurate reporting also obscures the true nature of the PAC's financial transactions, including the acquisition and sale of valuable assets (rifles), which were never properly disclosed. This reduces public trust in the integrity of the disclosure system and weakens accountability for political committees that are legally required to provide complete and truthful financial reporting.

Moreover, it potentially misleads voters, donors, and the media about who is funding whom, what interests are being served, and how money is being moved in Washington State politics. If left uncorrected, this type of misreporting opens the door to future abuse and creates a precedent that undermines the entire Public Disclosure Commission system.

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

PDC C4 of Grant County Republican Party showing items paid for
<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110291663>

Error in reporting from PAC <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110274443>

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

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.