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### Statement of Understanding

**Norman M. Johnson, State Representative (former) Legislative District 14**

**PDC Case 24630**

I Norman Johnson, hereby acknowledge that I  
(Printed Name of Candidate):

As a candidate for State Representative, Position #1 for the 14th Legislative District in 2016, violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file the Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing debts and outstanding obligations for the following:

1. On October 18, 2016, the Norm Johnson for State Representative Campaign (Campaign) timely filed the 21-Day Summary, Full Report Receipts and Expenditures Pre-General Election (C-4 report) covering the period September 1 through October 17, 2016, disclosing \$21,200 in contributions received and \$4,123 in expenditures made with no orders placed or debts, and a cash on hand balance of \$76,635.32.
2. On October 31, 2016, the Campaign timely filed the 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report covering the period October 18 through 31, 2016, disclosing \$2,003 in contributions received and \$754 in expenditures made with no orders placed or debts, and a cash on hand balance of \$77,885.

On October 11, 2017, the Campaign filed an amended 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 report disclosing "orders placed" totaling \$36,656 as being owed to Smith Phillips DiPietro (Smith Phillips), a local Yakima advertising firm, for campaign advertising that included a general election mailer, a postcard mailer, radio advertisements, and more than \$17,258 for newspaper advertisements.

A \$36,656 expenditure was made to Smith Phillips DiPietro on November 10, 2016 and was disclosed on the Post-General Election C-4 report filed on December 12, 2016. The \$36,156 for political advertising should have been disclosed on the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports, and was filed 41-55 days late, and 34 days after the November 8, 2016 general election had been held.

I would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) being scheduled by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff.

Therefore, in lieu of PDC staff scheduling a Brief Enforcement Hearing, I am completing this Statement of Understanding and enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$150 as a penalty payment in this matter.

The \$150 penalty is being assessed for the two acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for my failure to timely disclose \$36,656 in debts and outstanding obligations owed to Smith Phillips on the 21-Day and 7-Day Pre-General Election C-4 reports for campaign advertising and services, in accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143.

I understand that by completing this Statement of Understanding, I am acknowledging two violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 as set forth above, and I am waiving my right to a hearing in these matters.

  
Norman M. Johnson, House Member (former)  
Washington State Legislature

6-30-19  
Date Signed

Please make your check or money order payable to the “**Washington State Treasurer**” and be sure to include PDC Case number 24630 in the memorandum field, and mail or deliver this Statement of Understanding along with your payment to:

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