

Complaint Description

Glen Morgan reported an issue (Sat, 2 Feb 2019 at 12:36 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that registered lobbyist Melanie Smith, who lobbies for a variety of special interests and organizations in Olympia, has violated RCW 42.17A.

1) Failure to submit recent photograph at time of registration (Violation of RCW 42.17A.605)

Smith has been a registered lobbyist with the PDC since 2000. Smith is fully aware of Washington State's campaign finance laws and the transparency reporting requirements for registered lobbyists, and Smith is experienced enough to comply with them. There is no reason for this failure to comply with the law.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions on this.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

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

The public, elected officials, and others have a right to know who is lobbying our elected officials on a regular basis. This is a requirement in the law. There should be some attempt by professionals paid to lobby our elected officials to at least follow the very simple rules outlined in RCW 42.17A

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

Evidence is easy to verify. PDC staff need only look on their own website

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

None - Just Smith herself

Complaint Certification:

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.