

Re: PDC - Senate Republican Campaign Committee: Alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to accurately report contributions made for coordinated advertising expenditures (EY 18, Aug 18)

[Justin Matheson](#) (Thu, 6 Sep at 7:57 AM)

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Mr. Blackhorn,

The complaint alleges incorrectly that Senator Braun serves on both the Senate Republican Campaign Committee (SRCC) and the WA Forward committee. This is not the case and has not been the case since well prior to the expenditures at issue in the complaint.

Senator Schoelser and Senator Braun separated from SRCC in May of 2018 and we established a firewall between SRCC and them. At our June meeting it was formally ratified that Schoelser and Braun were fully separated from SRCC and screened from any and all candidate coordination. At this same meeting Senator O'Ban's new role as Chair of the SRCC was ratified as was Sen. Hans Zeiger's addition to the SRCC.

Unfortunately, when Senator Braun left the SRCC committee an amended C-1 was not immediately filed reflecting his removal from the leadership of the SRCC. Senator Braun hasn't been involved with any activities of the SRCC since May and only remained on the outdated C-1 because of an administrative mistake. Upon realizing this mistake the C-1 was immediately amended to reflect Senator Braun's withdrawal from the SRCC. At all times relevant in the complaint the SRCC has been screened off from all activities of WA Forward and will continue to do so under our existing structure.

We sincerely regret the confusion this filing error has caused, please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any additional questions.

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