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Dear PDC,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and for the work that you do.

Overview:

The Jesse Young for State House Committee is committed to following Washington State Campaign Finance Laws and will continue to work with the Public Disclosure Commission whenever in need of direction.

Please consider this email the Committee's official response to the allegations listed in the complaint attached to ticket number 30907. Thank you for the flexibility on response time and the Committee is happy to provide any additional information that the PDC requests.

Violations of RCW 42.17A.235, .220, and .240.

During the 2014 campaign cycle, the Committee relied on many volunteer positions, including treasury. During that campaign, the committee worked hard to assure all PDC regulations were followed and were diligent in **our** attempts to always file on time. As the committee began to gain experience, it became clear that within this complex environment specific rules and scenarios still existed in areas about which the committee learned after the fact. Nonetheless, the volunteer committee made a good faith effort to remain compliant.

In January of 2016, the committee realized that PDC reporting was required beyond the election date and that reports were due every month, even in off years. As soon as this was discovered, Representative Young was made aware and he immediately hired an experienced treasurer to assure timely reporting into the future and to correct any mistakes made previously. As you can see from the

timeframes of the reports mentioned, this effort was begun in earnest by the newly hired professionals and that explains why reports were amended, even for small technical changes. The goal was to get everything updated as transparently and professionally as possible.

Since learning of the errors made more than 2 years ago, Representative Young and Jesse Young for State House Committee have made every effort to follow Washington State Campaign Finance Laws, including making treasury a paid permanent position, even in off years. Another goal the committee adopted was to establish a positive and proactive relationship with the PDC on all matters relating to compliance. It is our belief that the Committee has faithfully upheld that standard, and that our engagement with the PDC and our reporting efforts since that time 2 years ago edifies that effort.

Please know, the Committee will continue to make PDC compliance a top priority and thanks the Commission for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,
Jesse Young and
The Jesse Young for State House Committee