

[Kurtis.engle](#) replied

Sat, 8 Oct 2022

To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

External Email

Too long didn't read. Here is the essay I wrote for the hearing October 20th. TXT file is the same, it's in case you might need to use that.

=====

I'm actually quite ill.

A few weeks before filing week I managed to get into the mail an essay I had been writing for a year. The subject matter kept kicking my *ss and chasing me off. I was writing the folks who alter Navy records about changing mine. To do that I had to say why, and to do that I had to THINK, long, hard, and carefully, about things that happened long ago so awful I have refused to think about it for decades. Either those officers were able to hate that much and that easily, or they forgot they were punishing me, and so it just went on forever. Either would be more disturbing than the other. But what hit me in the eye was the shadow the incident cast over the rest of my life. The cost is incredible, and being able to see that clearly is new. I was always afraid to look, before. This triggered an attack of my severe, recurrent, depression. Add to this 4 surgeries and a root canal, this year, and another surgery in a month. A bit distracting.

I get paid \$51,000, this year, due to some of these matters. That is the source of all of my funds. I expect the essay to be worth about \$100,000 and about \$20,000 annually, so, important. I have never requested or accepted a political donation. I'm not a politician. I filed in this race because it was possible there would be an argument about trusting our voting system. As it turned out there was little of that, here. I was pleased to have the luxury of addressing personal matters instead (if I can put it that way). I am pleased by the way the election turned out and would vote for either of the remaining SOS candidates.

Regarding the PDC reporting and related hearings, there were three items I found non-functional. Two of these relate to disability, the last is just plain bad equipment.

First, the format of what amounts to Flash Cards deprives the victim of all landmarks and any sense of where he is going, how long the journey, and what is under his foot until he plants it. While some might not be bothered, others are. I think that someone thought of this as a cruel joke. If that is not so, then I would like to tell you that it is a cruel joke. In future adopt a format that allows the victim to see the entire problem on one page. Electric paper rolls on forever. You have no excuse.

Second, I came upon a question that would take a minute to answer, were it worded differently. As it was, it would take a month to answer. And the deadline, and the fact I am supposedly trying to get elected, thus 'busy', argues strenuously that I should just lie. After all, you aren't going to check. That thought bounces directly off the main point of the essay I wrote to the Navy Records department. Those officers did me all but in because I pushed back on busywork, on a nuclear submarine. Which one? The one that sank a lot because no one had done the maintenance for years. Because they were doing busywork. Long story short, I have a deep-seated psychiatric aversion to busywork. In future,

please ask folks for their brokerage account numbers and do the busywork for us. You can do it in seconds, while it would take us a month. Or... ask in a way it can be answered in a minute.

Third, Microsoft Teams is a non-legal choice to conduct government business on because Microsoft insists I prove who I am to them. To the extent microsoft maintains a database of peoples particulars it is an offense not a service. And the extent of their maintenance is limited. I would have to do three impossible things to prove who I am. Sending me a link via email should adequately establish my identity to attend a government hearing.

In conclusion, I mention I paid the fine and consider the matter settled. If that isn't so, I would mention that is because I wasn't allowed to attend the hearing.

Thanks very much.