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Public Disclosure Commission  
711 Capitol Way, Ste 206  
PO Box 40908  
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Re: Complaint 154360 against Jean Craciun dated May 24, 2024

Dear Public Disclosure Commission:

This office represents Ms. Jean Craciun regarding Complaint 154360. The Complaint asserts that there was a vendor listed in her books who was not paid before the account was closed and that the C4 report was not filed with a zero balance. This letter provides a response to those allegations in an effort to resolve this matter.

**A. Ms. Craciun did not add or authorize a payment to C. Good Strategy.**

Pursuant to the requirement under RCW 42.17A.210, Ms. Craciun designated Ms. Jeanne Legault to serve as her Treasurer for the campaign. Ms. Legault was familiar with the software involved and had a lot of experience assisting with campaigns. Ms. Legault entered the bookkeeping information into the books for Ms. Craciun's campaign.

On or about June 23, 2024, Ms. Legault entered a debit in the amount of \$4,456.00 to Ms. Craciun's campaign, in the benefit of C. Good Strategy. This debit made by Ms. Legault was not known by or authorized by Ms. Craciun, which is consistent with the statement that there is no contract or documentation supporting an agreement between C. Good Strategy and Ms. Craciun's campaign. Additionally, no approved work was performed by C. Good Strategy on behalf of Ms. Craciun's campaign.

When confronted with that transaction, Ms. Legault openly admitted that she entered the debit and stated that she entered this fee with all of her candidates. It is unclear why Ms. Legault would enter an unauthorized debit, especially one for \$4,456.00, without Ms. Craciun's knowledge or consent. After learning of this debit Ms. Craciun discovered that Ms. Legault has an undisclosed business relationship with C. Good Strategy. Ms. Legault's Facebook account shows that Ms. Legault was an "In-House Treasurer at C. Good Strategy." A copy of a portion of Ms. Legault's Facebook page is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference. A review of

this relationship and unauthorized debit for thousands of dollars to Ms. Craciun's campaign requires further investigation. This is especially true if Ms. Legault did this to "all" of the campaigns that she has been involved in, as she stated.

**B. No Payment Can Legally be Made when no Approved Work was Performed by C. Good Strategy.**

After learning about the unauthorized debit added by Ms. Legault, Ms. Craciun addressed the issue with Ms. Legault, who subsequently quit. Ms. Legault quit on or about September 22, 2023, leaving Ms. Craciun in a difficult position. This is because Ms. Craciun was not familiar with the software used during the campaign. At the same time, Ms. Craciun could not legally provide a payment to C. Good Strategy for \$4,456.00, when there was no agreed upon contract and no work performed. Providing funds to C. Good Strategy would be considered gifting campaign funds to a business which is illegal. Ms. Craciun attempted to remedy the issue, by removing the improper debt from the account. This was necessary to ensure the filing of correct records at the conclusion of her campaign.

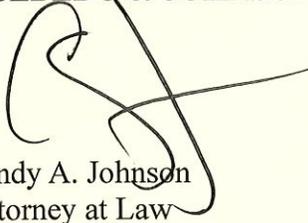
**C. Filing of the C4 Report.**

Ms. Craciun had no Treasurer to assist her in completing her final documentation submissions. As a result, she attempted to work with the Public Disclosure Commission, *via* the help line, to resolve the remaining issues and submissions. After doing so, it was Ms. Craciun's understanding that the proper paperwork was filed, and the matter was closed. It is not until Ms. Craciun received this Complaint that she realized that the account information filed did not zero out her campaign fund. Ms. Craciun has been in contact with the Public Disclosure Commission to resolve any remaining issues. Ms. Craciun would like to see this issue resolved and is willing to work with the Public Disclosure Commission to ensure that any documents required are filed to ensure compliance. Please note that as of Friday, June 7, 2024, after Ms. Craciun continued working with the Public Disclosure Commission help line, the discrepancy was \$55.00.

We hope that this information assists in the resolution of this investigation. However, if you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 253-445-4936.

Sincerely,

**ACEBEDO & JOHNSON, LLC.**



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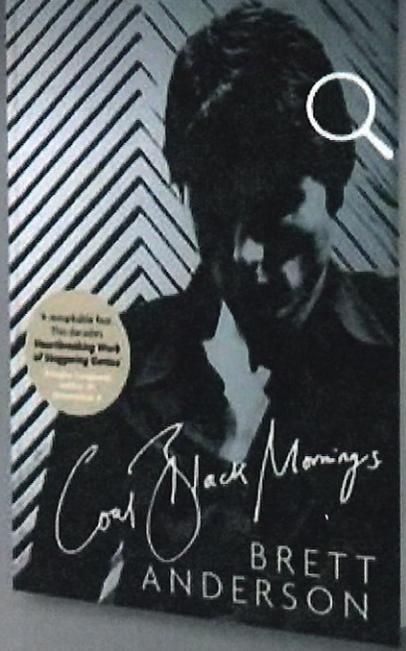
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**In-House Treasurer at  
C. Good Strategy**

July 31, 2023 - Present

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**Treasurer at Bob  
Hasegawa for State  
Senate**

January 2008 - Present  
Tukwila, Washington

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**Treasurer at Saunatina  
for Seattle**