

Respondent Names
Jacquelin Maycumber
Complainant Name
Jake A. Espeland
Complaint Description
<p><u><a href="#">Jake Espeland</a></u> reported via the portal</p> <p>On or around February 20th, 2024, Jacquelin Maycumber (State Rep., District 7) announced her candidacy for Congress in Washington's 5th Congressional District - ending her campaign for re-election to the State House in District 7.</p> <p>Since her announcement for Washington's 5th Congressional District, Representative Maycumber seems to have committed multiple campaign finance violations (State &amp; Federal).</p> <p><b>Violations:</b> illegal passing money through WSRP, failure to report earmarked contributions, misusing surplus contributions, and failure to report expenditures</p> <p>As the Spokesman Review reported (<a href="https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/may/26/washington-state-gop-helps-congressional-candidate/">https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/may/26/washington-state-gop-helps-congressional-candidate/</a>), Rep. Maycumber illegally passed state campaign contributions through the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) to her federal campaign. On 3/26/24, Rep. Maycumber transferred \$5,500 from her state surplus account to the WSRP. On 3/28/24, the WSRP contributed \$5,000 to her federal campaign, <b>in violation of RCW 42.17A.270 for failure to disclose earmarked contributions</b>. Moreover, Representative Maycumber's funneling of her excess contributions through the WSRP constitutes a breach of RCW 42.17A.490. She also did not report this information in April but instead filed an amended report on 5/10/24 with the \$5,500 payment, <b>violating RCW 42.17A.235 and .240</b>.</p> <p>A failure to address illegal money laundering through party channels only further serves to incentivize bad-faith actors to do the same. If Rep. Maycumber can donate state funds to the WSRP in return for a federal election donation, the campaign fund regulations become effectively meaningless.</p> <p>Maycumber March Surplus Report outlining the \$5,500 contribution to the WSRP: <a href="https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-surplus-report/110214192">https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-surplus-report/110214192</a></p> <p>Maycumber federal Q1 report outlining the WSRP donating \$5,000 to her federal campaign: <a href="https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/416/202404159627900416/202404159627900416.pdf">https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/416/202404159627900416/202404159627900416.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Violations:</b> failure to report campaign debt, misuse of surplus campaign contributions.</p> <p>Additionally, on 4/11/24, Rep. Maycumber reported paying \$10,000 to "The ROC Foundation", a sole proprietorship owned by Mitch Short, husband of current Senator Shelly</p>

Short – for campaign consulting. This was almost two months after ending her State Representative campaign. Rep. Maycumber did not report a debt/obligation in previous reports (Maycumber was previously fined for the same violation, involving Mitch Short's ROC Foundation <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/enforcement/enforcement-cases/33369>), **in violation of RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely & accurately report a campaign debt. This is also a violation of RCW 42.17A.490** for using contributions from her state committee, for her federal campaign.

Maycumber April C4 report outlining payment to the "ROC Foundation":  
<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110214522>

On March 31 2024, Mitch Short sent maximum donations to Rep. Maycumber's federal campaign as reported in the first quarter filing with the FEC. Rep. Maycumber federal Q1 report: <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/416/202404159627900416/202404159627900416.pdf>. Given Rep. Maycumber's record of washing money through the WSRP, the perception of the maximum contribution to Rep. Maycumber's from Mitch Short is deeply concerning, given Mitch Short was being paid by Rep. Maycumber state committee after her state campaign was over.

**Violations:** misusing campaign contributions

As mentioned previously, Rep. Maycumber ended her 2024 campaign for State Representative District 7 when she announced her federal campaign for the 5th District Congressional seat on or around February 20th, 2024. But she used those state campaign dollars to load up on office supplies and buy a website for Congress, **in violation of RCW 42.17A.490**, just two days before she announced her campaign for federal office.

See Maycumber February C4 report:  
<https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110204736>

**Violation:** failure to disclosure financial information

Finally, Rep. Maycumber failed to accurately report her State PDC F-1 report. As noted on her financial disclosure for her campaign for federal office, Rep. Maycumber disclosed a \$12,400 income from cattle sales in 2023. That income was not reported on her F-1 report, **in violation of RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to disclose complete income information on the candidate F-1**. Rep. Maycumber originally filed her F-1 on April 15th, 2024. This filing was incomplete and inaccurate. She amended her F-1 disclosure on June 2nd, 2024.

Rep. Maycumber F-1 report: <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/financial-affairs/statement/120542>

Rep. Maycumber financial disclosure for her federal campaign: [https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public\\_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10060955.pdf](https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10060955.pdf)

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

<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
Rep. Maycumber appears to have circumvented the law limiting contributions, requiring disclosure of contributions, forbidding the undisclosed earmarking and laundering of funds, and the use of state campaign accounts, including corporate campaign contributions, for a federal campaign. Rep. Maycumber was previously fined by the PDC and admitted guilt to misuse of campaign funds. Repeating such actions shows Rep. Maycumber hasn't learned her lesson and suggests a propensity to accept unlawful donations and perpetuate misinformation regarding the financing and allocation of her campaign funds.
<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
Evidence is reported in the description text field.
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>
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.