Proposed changes to emergency rulemaking to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2938

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To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Dear Members of the Public Disclosure Commission,

As a resident of Washington state and a U.S. citizen, I write to urge you to prioritize the right of the public to transparent disclosure of the sources of online political ads over the desire of tech companies to turn a profit. My understanding is that Google and the Internet Association are requesting that changes be made to "WAC 390-18 Political advertising" that would give such companies less responsibility for identifying ads of a political nature and clearly disclosing the source of those advertisements.

In recent elections, foreign operatives have used targeted online ads to pit demographic groups against each other and spread misleading claims. Please protect our voters by maintaining our state's high standards of transparency about online political ads.

Thank you.

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