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deep fakes proposed rules SB 5152

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Hello Public Disclosure Commission,

I support the new rules of SB 5152 that extends accountability for faking images, videos or online messaging (Section 3.c) that falsely represents an opponent candidate or a campaign.

Already in one of our Island County races, we have an example of this situation. A sender, using an off-shore and encrypted internet email service, misrepresented their opponent's position on race and ageism. The aggrieved candidate has reported the situation to the FBI and local authorities, but the investigation is likely to take time.

The PDC's ability to adopt compliance rules and remedies regarding fakes of online messaging is in line with other media where the intent is to distort communication to the voter.

As a tax-payer, I also support the addition of specialized (encryption/security/video-tampering specialists) needed to investigate these complaints and work with county, state and federal law enforcement. I also support very strong penalties for individuals (including candidates, elected or otherwise) found guilty of this intentional manipulation.

Thank you.

Margaret Andersen

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