

by Larry G DeVries on Fri, 6 Nov at 2:02 PM via Email Comments on Foreign Money // Attn: Sean Flynn

Sean Flynn,

We are a legit LD Committee not a Candidate Campaign Committee.

We collect small contributions from our LD members (\$25.00 or less) and we write checks to donate to our local Republican Candidate Campaigns to support them.

We take no large checks from individual donors. It could happen but is unlikely.

The regulation has so far resulted in more work for us.

In 2020 we donated to two 17th campaigns recently. The candidate campaigns came back to us after receiving the check to ask us to verify no foreign funds were part of our donation to their campaign.

Our committee is a legit committee. I as Treasurer had already vouched for the fact that I took in no foreign funds by way of monthly filings with the PDC regarding donations coming IN to us. I have copies of the personal donated checks to us.

Now in making a donation from our treasury to a legit 17th LD candidate campaign I was asked to verify our treasury had not received foreign funds!! We are a legit WA committee not an individual donor to a candidate's campaign!!

And it caused us to generate additional paperwork for the verification back to the 17th candidate campaign's treasurer.

A legit LD Committee should NOT have to fill out a form to verify to a legit Candidate Campaign!!

Another point: It would be difficult to envision that a subversive foreign donor would not run his contribution through a "friendly" USA organization that would thereby hide (launder) his foreign donation. Subversives are not dumb.

Is this rule really to catch only dumb donors of foreign money?

It is kind of like a small padlock on a door – it only keeps an amateur thief out; the professional thief will still get in.

Regards,

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