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A little bit of follow up on the C4 schedule discussion of August 28th, for the PDC's consideration.

- Yes, as a Commissioner mentioned, the act of filing a No Activity report for a lobbyist is a relatively straight-forward proposition. C4s are a bit different, however. To file a C4, blank or otherwise, I first open the campaign's QuickBooks file, log into the bank account, reconcile the account in QuickBooks, open ORCA to generate the report, verify and then potentially add any found transactions, generate a PDF for the candidate to review, email it to them for approval, and then file the C4 when due. For one campaign with no activity, that can happen pretty quickly, maybe 10 minutes or so. If there is activity, it will increase the time required. I currently have roughly 30 campaigns not on the ballot this year on top of the 20 or so who are on the 2025 ballot, so to do this process for all of them within two business days in the height of campaign season will be a tremendous increase in the work load for no apparent increase in transparency.

- Yes, the Department of Revenue does require business to file a report whether or not they have activity. However, there are three tiers of reporting that depend on an activity threshold (annual, quarterly, and monthly), and for all of those filers, the report is due no sooner than 25 days after the end of the reporting period, so the comparison is not exactly fair.

Let me know if you need any further information, happy to help.

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