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Chairwoman Anne Levinson and PDC Commissioners
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
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Dear Chairwoman Levinson and PDC Commissioners;

My name is Mike McKnight and I am the president of Capitol City Press. My business opposes the portion of the proposed PDC rule that would require printers to post on the internet our financial information for all political printing we provide to candidates and ballot issue committees.

By putting our pricing on the internet this will enable our competitors to calculate our printing cost structure. This will seriously harms our business when competing for work. **Is this fair? NO.**

State law already requires us to open our books to the public and the PDC for all of our political printing jobs. The state law is very specific about what is required of our business, and nowhere in this law does it state that the PDC can require on-line posting of our financial information. We are not the candidate. There is no language requiring vendors to post financial information online.

- For Example; will the United States Post Office be required to post invoices for postage and provide a copy of the mailing list?
- Will airlines be required to post an invoice for travel reimbursements and show the itinerary?

The PDC already has a system in place that is accessible to the public to see expenditures and vendors.

It seems to us that if the PDC wants to require posting of financial information, the legislature must pass a bill to make the change. It's really disappointing as an individual and a business owner to watch the PDC try to make this change when it appears to me, that they don't have the authority to make the change. If the PDC implements this rule, the only option we have is to bring legal action against the PDC.

Please understand how harmful this proposal is to the industry.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,