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**Public Disclosure Commission**

October 5, 2012

Washington State Attorney General's Office  
Attn: Attorney General Rob McKenna (R)  
1125 Washington Street SE  
PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: 45-Day Citizen's Action Letter related to James Watkin's complete failure to report financial dealings, as a candidate for public office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.765(A)

Mr. McKenna:

Please review the attached the Washington Public Disclosure Commission complaint and take all action, including prosecution for perjury, against James Watkins for misstating and omitting his financial dealings from his PDC F-1 dated March 12, 2012. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bob Bennett

cc: King County Prosecutor Dan Satterburg (R)  
Philip Stuzman, WA PDC

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PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504

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PDC:

I was reading the newspaper and talking to friends the other day and I came across some unusual statements by a candidate for state auditor, James Watkins. Watkins told two newspapers (The Vancouver Columbian & The Seattle Times) that he was going to take a "huge pay cut to serve as state auditor because he makes over three times what the state auditor" makes. The state auditor makes about \$116,000.

I got a copy of James Watkins F-1, dated March 12, 2012. Watkin's PDC says he makes between \$40,000 and \$99,000 from Business Development Experts LLC. And it says he makes between \$20,000 and \$39,999 from Redmond Strategy Group LLC. But Watkins incorporated his business on February 27, 2012, the day before he announced his campaign for state auditor at the 45<sup>th</sup> LD Republican Club in a Redmond church on February 28, 2012. Watkins then filed his F-1 & F-1 Supplement on March 12, 2012. Did Watkins really make between \$20,000 and \$39,999 in the 14 days between February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>? If not, he has falsified his PDC report.

This all made me a little suspect of his F-1 filing, so I looked at his investments. He lists a USAA cash value life insurance policy worth more than \$100,000, investments at Fidelity worth more than \$100,000, a 401(k) account at USAA worth between \$40,000 and \$99,999, and a 401 (k) account at Thomon Reuters worth between \$20,000 and \$39,999. But the accounts do NOT list a single investment. Not a single stock, mutual fund or property is listed. The whole point of the disclosure is for the public to be aware of where a conflict of interest might be present and thus, they should know what type of investments an elected official owns. Watkins says he has hundreds of thousands of dollars of investments, but I have no idea if a single dollar is invested in gold bullion, the technology sector, tobacco companies, foreign companies, etc. This directly violates the PDC instructions on filling out the form. The public can not find out ANY investment Watkins owns.

I also thought it was also important to know to whom Watkins owes money. When I looked at his F-1, the loan he lists appears to be paid off. However, he does have another loan with another lender that is not disclosed anywhere to the PDC. This is disconcerting since he owes money to people the public doesn't know about.

If Watkins is lying to the PDC, please prosecute him for perjury, since he signed his F-1 under oath. Please review his tax returns on file with the government to find out what is true. This is important. The public deserves to know whom Watkins is indebted to and the public does not deserve to be lied to again by Watkins.

This type of deceptive practice used by Watkins repeatedly erodes the confidence we have in government. Please take appropriate action and prosecute him immediately to restore our trust in government.



Bob Bennett

- stocks, bonds, securities, commodities (list each holding separately if worth over \$2,000 at any time during the reporting period; it's insufficient simply to identify the brokerage house)
- employer retirement system account (if you or a family member paid into an employer-sponsored retirement system, that retirement account is a reportable asset)
- stock options held during the reporting period but not yet exercised - report the value at grant date or describe number of shares for which you hold option;
- stock options exercised during the reporting period – report the value as income received;
- IRA (if investor managed, list each holding worth over \$2,000; if managed by an agent, list name of manager or management company that decides how IRA money is invested)
- money market accounts (if investor managed, list each holding worth over \$2,000; if managed by an agent, list name of manager or management company that decides how money is invested)
- businesses in which you or your family had less than a 10% ownership interest (if 10% or more, file F-1 Supplement)
- loans owed you or an immediate family member by individuals, candidates, political committees, businesses, associations, churches, etc. (Do not include accounts receivable due in the normal course of business)
- legal judgments due you or your family

For each item listed, you are requested to provide a description, a value code (the highest value during the period) and, if appropriate, an income amount code. Instead of a value code, you may list the highest number of shares held during the reporting period for stocks, bonds, and securities. Addresses for security holdings traded on a major exchange are not required.

Note: Each stock, bond and other intangible asset holding worth over \$2,000 at any time during the reporting period, whether held for the entire reporting period or just a portion of it, must be reported in this section. If you sold an intangible asset during the period, simply select the code amount that reflects the sale price plus any other interest or dividend income generated by the asset and put that code in the Income Amount column.

3 ASSETS / INVESTMENTS - INTEREST / DIVIDENDS		List bank and savings accounts, insurance policies, stock, bonds and other intangible property (including but not limited to stock options) held during the reporting period.	
A. Name and address of each bank or financial institution in which you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, had an account over \$25,000 any time during the report period.	Type of Account or Description of Asset	Asset Value (Use Code)	Income Amount (Use Code)
Watertown S&L, 500 Grand Ave., Watertown Watertown Mutual, 82 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Watertown	Savings account Certificate of Deposit	D C	A A
B. Name and address of each insurance company where you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, had a policy with a cash or loan value over \$20,000 during the period. Fidelity Insurance Co 1131 Sunshine Blvd., Anchorage AK 99599	Whole life & variable annuity	D	A
C. Name and address of each company, association, government agency, etc. in which you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, owned or had a financial interest worth over \$2,000. Include stocks, bonds, ownership, retirement plan, IRA, notes, stock options, and other intangible property if you, your spouse, registered domestic partner and/or dependents had decision making authority regarding individual assets/investments list each asset or investment, the value and any income amount. EXAMPLE: If you self-directed an investment account identify each stock or other asset in that account. John Doe Trust (managed by Watertown Mutual) ABC Corporation, New York XYZ Company, Local City Gamers inc. Public Emp. Retirement System Veterans Administration Best Brokerage House	Blue chip stock trust Stock Stock Stock options exercised TRS account Military Retirement IRA account (managed by agent)	E 20 shrs 50 shrs 15 shrs E E D	C B C A None C None

Itemize the holdings (e.g., individual stocks, securities, mutual funds, etc.) of investment accounts if you make the buy and sell decisions for the account.

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**Washington State Public Disclosure Commission**  
Personal Financial Affairs Statement  
Reporting Modification Application Questionnaire, Instructions And Certification  
August 2007

## Application Questionnaire Instructions

The purpose of the Public Disclosure Act in chapter RCW 42.17A includes at RCW 42.17A.001(3):

*"That the people shall be assured that the private financial dealings of their public officials, and of candidates for those offices, present no conflict of interest between the public trust and private interest."*

The form for providing disclosures of financial affairs is the F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement. The Act also provides for a process to seek a modification or suspension of reporting some information. RCW 42.17A.120(10) states in part:

*"After hearing, by order approved and ratified by a majority of the membership of the commission, [the commission is empowered to] suspend or modify any of the reporting requirements of this chapter in a particular case if it finds that literal application of this chapter works a **manifestly unreasonable hardship** and if it also finds that the suspension or modification will not **frustrate the purposes of the chapter...***

*... Any suspension or modification shall be only to the extent necessary to substantially relieve the hardship. The commission shall act to suspend or modify any reporting requirements only if it determines that facts exist that are clear and convincing proof of the findings required under this section." (Emphasis added).*

Possible qualifications for modifications or suspensions (referred to collectively as "modifications") are found at RCW 42.17A.120(10) and WAC 390-28-100. Copies of these provisions and reporting requirements are on the PDC's website at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) under "Laws and Rules." The *Personal Financial Affairs Statement Instruction Manual* is also available on the website, under "Filer Resources – Manuals and Brochures." The Commission has also adopted Interpretations addressing modifications for certain professions and situations, and those are also available under "Laws and Rules" then "Interpretations." Modifications, if granted by the Commission, cover only one reporting period. Another application must be made in the following years if you still need a modification.

PDC staff has implemented this application procedure for filers requesting an F-1 Reporting Modification from the Commission. This is designed to provide more uniform information to the Commission from filers seeking a modification, and to enable a quicker response to possible questions about a request from the Commission at the hearing. **Please fill out this Application Questionnaire prior to having a modification request taken to the full Commission for consideration.** The blanks in this document will expand to accommodate your answers. **It is suggested that you review this entire Application Questionnaire first, before filling out your answers.**

- If you are requesting a modification, whether new or a renewal of an earlier request, please: (1) complete or review your filed Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) including Supplemental attachments; (2) answer all questions (# 1 – # 8) on this Application Questionnaire, unless otherwise directed below, (3) sign the Certification if you do not intend to be present at the Commission hearing on your modification request, and (4) return this Application Questionnaire to the PDC via e-mail, mail, fax or other delivery (and also send the original of the Certification to the PDC).
- Please note, however, that while this Application Questionnaire for filers seeking a modification can be returned to the PDC in several ways, F-1 forms cannot be filed by fax or e-mail. See filing instructions in

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UBI Number	603184652
Category	LLC
Active/Inactive	Active
State of Incorporation	WA
WA Filing Date	02/27/2012
Expiration Date	02/28/2013
Inactive Date	
Duration	Perpetual

Registered Agent Information

Agent Name	James Watkins
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