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Adam Bartz  
1000 Aurora Ave N Ste 100  
Seattle WA 98109

Subject: PDC complaint 1482

Dear Mr. Bartz:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on November 17, 2015. The complaint alleged that Rep. Chad Magendanz violated RCW 42.17A.335(1)(c) by sponsoring political advertising which included false statements claiming support or endorsement.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. As a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- The banner stating the endorsement of the Seattle Times indicated the date of the endorsement, which occurred on August 22, 2014.
- Rep. Magendanz has since discarded the banner and it will no longer appear at campaign rallies.
- The 2012 rating from the Municipal League still appears on the campaign's website. At this time the League does not have an acceptable use policy in place for their old ratings.
- Rep. Magendanz has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that no further action is warranted at this time. For this reason, the PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 586-1042, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at [tony.perkins@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:tony.perkins@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Tony Perkins  
PDC Compliance Officer

Endorsed by:

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Executive Director

cc: Representative Chad Magendanz