

**Subject:** RE: Citizen Action Notice complaint against 2010 Chris Marr campaign - Request for response

Mr. Perkins,

I am in receipt of your email and the attachment outlining the complaint filed by Mr. Morgan.

Let me begin by explaining the circumstances surrounding the \$800 donation to Laurie Dolan in July of 2016. In early July, I became aware that the Dept. of Revenue Unclaimed Property site listed an unclaimed check with "Chris Marr for State Senate" as payee, in the amount of "over \$100" on its website (see attached). I contacted DOR by phone, and learned that the check in question was an \$800 campaign contribution check from Regence. The check had apparently been sent to our former campaign mailbox, and was forwarded as unclaimed property to DOR when the mailbox was discontinued.

I told the agent that my campaign account was no longer in existence, and asked what my options were. They told me that they could not return the funds to me personally, but that I could elect to transfer those funds to another legislative campaign. I contacted the Laurie Dolan campaign (Dolan had previously run for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Senate seat twice and lost, so I felt it was a good nexus) and told them what I was advised by DOR. They never solicited these funds from me and were acting solely on my recounting of the advice I was given by a state agency. I re-contacted DOR's Unclaimed Property section and asked that they forward those funds to the Laurie Dolan for State Representative campaign. They asked that I submit proof that the P.O. Box to which the check had been sent, was in fact associated with me. I did so, and I was advised those funds would be forwarded as I elected. I believe the files on my claim at DOR will verify these facts.

With regard to Allegation #1 in Mr. Morgan's complaint: I was informed by the Washington State Department of Revenue that my only available option was to direct those funds (which apparently were not my personal funds) to another legislative campaign, or to leave those funds in the state Unclaimed Property account. In making my decision to have those funds forwarded, I was relying on the advice and expertise of a state agency which is (presumably) operating under advice and policy created under the supervision of the State Attorney General's staff assigned to them. I assume they have been relaying this advice to others over an extended period of time, and for all I know, still do.

With regard to Allegation #2 in Mr. Morgan's complaint: My campaign account was liquidated and the final C-4 Report of Receipts and Expenditures was filed by my campaign treasurer on 1/10/11. I was not aware I needed to file a C-4 for a campaign that had ceased to exist for almost six years. If I need to file a new or revised C-4, I am willing to comply. However, my failure to do so can clearly not be labelled as "malicious" as Morgan characterizes. As for his suggestion that this alleged violation was "habitual", I am not aware of the donation from eleven years ago he mentions. If there was an administrative oversight, I am not aware it resulted in any PDC violation.

In hope this email fully explains the circumstances surrounding this donation, and corrects the assertions made by the complainant. I do not challenge the fact that an \$800 donation was forwarded from the State of Washington Unclaimed Property Account administered by the Department of Revenue, and that the recipient was "Laurie Dolan for State Representative". However, those funds were sent by the state agency in whose possession and control the funds lie. I did direct that those funds (not mine personally), go to the Dolan campaign, but only because DOR gave me only the option of donating them to another state legislative campaign and not accepting those unclaimed funds myself. If there was an error or a lack of compliance with state law, it was committed unwittingly under the direction of DOR. I believe I was entitled to rely on their knowledge and expertise about where those funds could be directed. As for the issue of filing a C-4—my campaign account has been terminated for six years. However, if so directed, I would be happy to amend the final C-4 on file.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.