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Washington Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way S #206
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Re: PDC Complaint against Feminist Progress PAC

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing today to respond to the allegations made by Mr. Morgan in his recent complain against our organization, the Feminist Progress PAC (FemPAC). While some of the allegations do have some merit, FemPAC has attempted at all times to comply with the law to our best ability, and we do not believe that we have engaged in any actions that should be considered willful or malicious violations of RCW 42.17A.

We founded this organization as three individuals all volunteering our time. Ms. Eileen Pollet volunteered to serve in the Treasurer capacity, but after a few months learning that role, moved across country. After Ms. Pollet moved away, we realized the need for a professional treasurer and hired Abbot Taylor in April 2017.

Given that in both 2016 and 2017 we raised less than \$5,000 and received no donations of more than \$500, FemPAC could have filed for mini-reporting status, and none of these details would have been reported at all. Instead, we have opted to provide the most accurate information possible about contributions and expenditures to the public in the spirit of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Here are our responses to the specific claims made by Mr. Morgan:

1. Failure to file accurate, timely C3 and C4 reports.

From our formation in July 2016 until early 2017, Eileen Pollet served as the volunteer treasurer for FemPAC. During that time, she was working full-time and while she made every effort to file reports in a timely manner, she was not always successful in doing so. Many of the reports in this time frame were filed late, and we acknowledged this by hiring a professional treasurer in April 2017.

Other allegations involve reports that were amended to include more accurate information when it was discovered by the treasurer. In all, or almost all, of the other instances, the information was reported as initially know, and then corrected when more accurate information became available.

In other instances, the reports included interest deposits. While some of these were filed late, it is important to note that the total monetary value of all interest deposits in 2017 was \$1.10. From our treasurer:

“Per PDC guidance, interest can be reported as received on the date it was discovered after obtaining the bank statement; however, I report the interest on the date it was actually received to make the reports more accurate, at the cost of filing a report a few days late.”

2. Failure to properly break down expenses

This information was omitted from the reports. The vendor’s name is NationBuilder, and they are located in Los Angeles, CA. We have been reporting this accurately in 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to address these allegations. We are committed to working with the Public Disclosure Commission to ensure on-going compliance with the relevant election laws. We are a small, volunteer-run organization with minimal resources, and we chose intentionally after only a few months of operation to devote these resources to hiring a treasurer and ensuring compliance with Public Disclosure Commission regulations.

Sincerely,

Halei Watkins & Anita Yandle
Co-founders, Feminist Progress PAC