

## Complaint Description

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### **Violation #1 - Independent Expenditure against Representative Michelle Caldier.**

Truth for Washington reported to the PDC (6/26/2018) that it had paid The Broadcast Professionals Group Inc. (dba "EZTVSPOTS") \$3,500.00 on 6/15/2018/ to design, create and broadcast television commercial (independent expenditure) opposing Rep. Michelle Caldier.

The television commercial is titled "Michelle Caldier Needs to Step Down", was also uploaded to youtube, and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgx7HgOUq2w>.

### **Violation #1A - Fails to include "No Candidate authorized" and fails to include PAC address.**

The television commercial failed to include "No candidate authorized this ad." Furthermore, the ad failed to include Truth for Washington's address, city, state, as required per PDC rules and state law.

### **Violation #2A - Used Washington State Seal for political purposes.**

Truth for Washington violated RCW 43.04.050(2) by including the Washington State Seal in the ad for political purposes, the State Seal is clearly visible at 0.12 second mark.

RCW 43.04.050(2) Use of state seal -Prohibitions -Imitations. states: *"The state seal shall never be used in a political campaign to assist or defeat any candidate for elective office."*

### **Violation #3A - Fails to identify Rep. Caldier's party preference.**

The ad fails to identify Rep. Caldier's party preference. At no time during the ad does it state that Rep. Caldier is a member of the Republican Party, GOP, etc.

### **Violation #2 - Name of Committee. failed to identify sponsoring committee.**

Truth for Washington is a sponsored committee for Working Families of King County. In its political committee registration (C1pc) filed on 2/12/2018 Truth for Washington fail to disclose the Working Families of King County is in fact its sponsoring committee ie "Truth for Washington (***Sponsored by Working Families of King County***)".

**Douglas Hill**, 19323 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Seatac, WA 98189 is listed as Campaign Manager for both Truth for Washington and Working Families of King County.

**Orin Wells**, 3611 I Street NE, Unit 197, Auburn, WA 98002 is listed as Campaign Treasurer for both Truth for Washington and Working Families of King County.

**Doug Basler**, 22716 126<sup>th</sup> Place SE, Kent, WA 98031 is listed as Committee Member for both Truth for Washington and Working Families of King County. In addition to being a committee member for both PACs, Mr. Basler owns EZTVSPOTS the company contracted by Truth for Washington to produce, create and distribute the commercial.

As of 7/29/2018, 100% of total contributions made to Truth for Washington have come from Working Families for King County.

## What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

**List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.**

**List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.**

**Complaint Certification:**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.