

Truth For Washington  
August 14, 2018  
Response to PDC Case Number 38701

With regard to the complaint filed by Mr. Joe Yates on July 30, 2018 under the above referenced case number 38701:

Allegation one:

#1A - Alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.320, failure to disclose required sponsor information.

What Mr. Yates is referencing as the YouTube video is actually a preliminary version of the final ad intended for a cable TV ad distribution. This was never intended for public viewing. Our media company created this channel as a convenience for reviewing the content. After reviewing the version Mr. Yates discovered we advised the media company to include the required information. The final ad can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcoX0XlIjdU>

This is the version of the ad that was delivered to Comcast for airing on various cable TV channels.

We were unaware that the preview copy had been left on this youtube channel by the media company until this complaint was received.

#2A – (should have been #1B?) Used Washington Seal for political purposes. What Mr. Yates is referring to is a partial image of the letter from the Legislative Ethics Board acknowledging receipt of the actual ethics violation complaint Ms. Caldier was alleged to have committed. This is a public document that happens to contain the seal as part of the header of the letter. There was no intent to use the seal for the purpose alleged by Mr. Yates. The image was included to validate the claim being made at that point in the ad.

Allegation two: (also shown as #3A) Alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.320, failure to identify Candidate Caldier's party preference. This somehow escaped our review, that of the media company and Comcast, which is normally pretty sticky about this kind of identification. It was thus inadvertently omitted from the ad that was aired.

Allegation three: (also shown as #2) Alleged violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to accurately report Working Families of King County. The relationship between the Truth For Washington PAC and the Working Families of King County PAC was properly disclosed in our C1pc on file with the PDC as a "related or affiliated committee". Working Families of King County is also properly disclosed as the top contributor in the subject ad.

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