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December 19, 2018

Delivered electronically to “vincent@vincentbuys.com”

Subject: PDC Case 43026

Dear Vincent Buys:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Brian Estes concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Brian Estes, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Fox Blackhorn at 1-360-753-1980 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
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Endorsed by,

/s _____
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Subject: Complaint regarding Vincent Buys, PDC Case 43026

Dear Brian Estes:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on October 30, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Vincent Buys may have violated RCW 42.17A.405 for accepting over-limit contributions, or RCW 42.17A.220 & .240 for inaccurately reporting contributions.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff’s initial review, we found the following:

- Vincent Buys reported receiving a \$1,000 contribution from Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) on September 3, 2018, as well as a \$1,000 contribution from Associated General Contractors filed on a separate C-3 report that same day (AGC).
- On the 21-day pre-General C-4 filed September 16, 2018, Vincent Buys included a correction on the Schedule C, showing that the contribution from ABC had not actually been received, leaving only the \$1,000 contribution from AGC on the record.
- At request of PDC staff, Vincent Buys amended the C-3 filed on September 3, 2018, to remove the \$1,000 contribution from ABC on December 17, 2018.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that in this instance, failure to accurately report contributions does not amount to an actual material violation warranting further investigation.

Vincent Buys made minor or ministerial errors on required reports, which did not materially impact the public interest. Upon notification of noncompliance, Vincent Buys timely amended their reports, making the necessary technical corrections.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1), and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

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