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Public Disclosure Commission  
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**Re: PDC Case Number 175907 – Written Response in Lieu of Personal Appearance**

Dear Presiding Officer Leach and PDC Staff,

I am writing in connection with the Brief Enforcement Hearing scheduled for July 2, 2026, regarding PDC Case Number 175907. I will not be appearing at the hearing in person, by phone, or online, and I respectfully request that this letter be considered by the Presiding Officer in my place as my full written response.

Before submitting this letter, I confirmed that every report at issue in this complaint has now been filed electronically with the PDC. I am not asking the Commission to excuse an ongoing violation — the underlying compliance problem has already been corrected. I understand that the Commission may still find a technical violation occurred for the period the filings were late, and I am not contesting that the reports were filed later than required.

The delay was not willful. After I left public office, I did not realize that reporting obligations connected to my prior campaign continued even though I was no longer a candidate or officeholder. I did not understand that campaign finance reporting duties survive the end of a term and continue until a committee is formally terminated with the PDC. Once I learned that additional reports were still required, I filed them as quickly as I could rather than waiting for or contesting this proceeding.

I recognize this explanation does not change the fact that the filings were late, and I want to be direct with the Commission rather than minimize that. I am offering it only as context for how the delay happened, not as an excuse for it.

In light of the above, I respectfully ask the Presiding Officer to consider the following in determining an appropriate outcome:

- All required reports have now been filed, with no remaining open compliance items in this case;
- The delay stemmed from a genuine misunderstanding about continuing reporting obligations after leaving office, not from an intent to conceal contributions, expenditures, or campaign records; and
- I have taken the matter seriously and corrected it promptly upon learning of the requirement, consistent with voluntary compliance rather than enforcement-driven compliance.

Given these circumstances, I respectfully request that the Commission impose no monetary penalty, or, if the Presiding Officer determines a penalty is warranted, that it be assessed at the minimum level available under WAC 390-37-143.

Thank you for considering this written response. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful to the Commission's review.

Sincerely,

Joshua Binda  
PDC Case Number 175907