Respondent Names

Unknown sponsor. Possibly the Robert Hicks campaign or an independent expenditure committee supporting Robert Hicks, but the sender failed to provide sponsor identification after repeated "ID" requests, making the sponsor impossible to determine.

Complainant Name

Kailey Burnett

Complaint Description

Kaileyburnett

Sat, 18 Jul 2026 at 1:41 PM

Today at 1:20PM I received a text from someone identifying themselves as "Sam from Oak Harbor." The text itself read "Hi this is Sam from Oak Harbor with an important message. Incumbent Rep. Clyde Shavers has voted to make everything more expensive - he supported higher property taxes, high grocery prices and higher energy costs. It's time for a change. Vote no on Clyde by August 4th. Reply ID for Sponsor ID Reply STOP for Opt-Out." I replied multiple times, ID, as the text said to get sponsor information. I never got a reply. I then sent a longer text saying they need to identify themselves when asked, and still haven't gotten any reply. I googled to see if any PAC or candidate was connected, but could not find it. I can only suspect it is someone connected to Robert Hicks or a PAC supporting him. This is unprofessional, and harms public perception, and should be investigated.

To be clear, I am not a fan of Clyde Shavers in particular, but I believe in accountability. Doing stuff like this harms election integrity.

It is 1:36PM and I haven't heard back, so I am filing this complaint, assuming they have no intentions of replying with their sponsor. This is the first text I have gotten where a sponsor did not disclose their name immediately after replying.

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

Possible violation of Washington campaign disclosure laws requiring sponsor identification on political advertising. The sender failed to identify the sponsor after three requests for 'ID,' preventing the recipient from determining who paid for the communication.

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

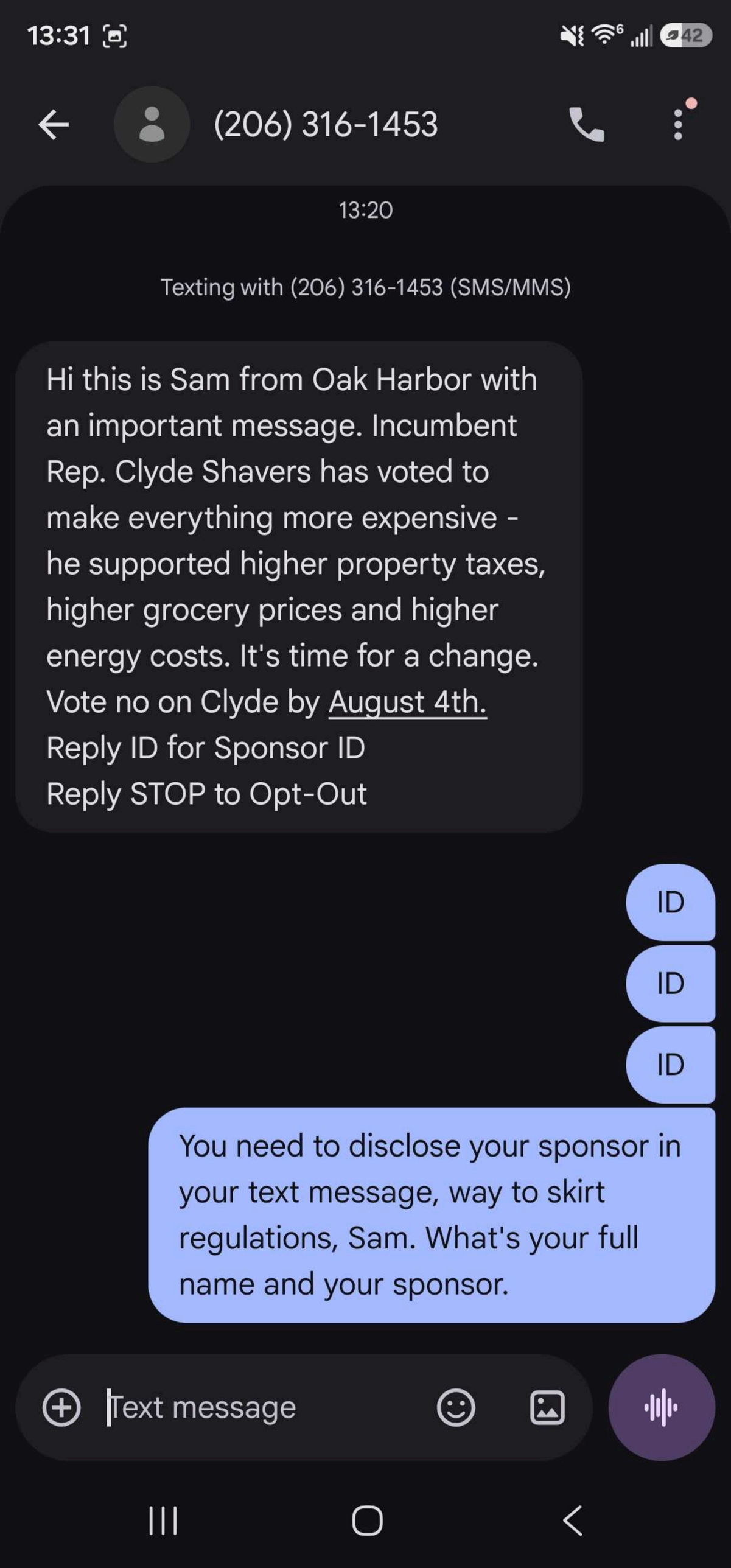
It was a text, I will attach a screen shot of the text, my repeated replies for ID as they dictated, and then an additional text saying they need to disclose their sponsor when requested.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Probably other people in Oak Harbor who are registered to vote, but I am not sure how many people got this text.

Certification (Complainant)

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.


13:31
(206) 316-1453
13:20
Texting with (206) 316-1453 (SMS/MMS)
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Reply STOP to Opt-Out
ID
ID
ID
You need to disclose your sponsor in your text message, way to skirt regulations, Sam. What's your full name and your sponsor.
Text message