

Washington State Attorney General's Office
ATTN: Bob Ferguson, Attorney General
1125 Washington St. SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

Re: 45 Day Citizen Action Letter

Dear General Ferguson:

It has come to our attention that Troy Kelley may have violated Washington's public disclosure laws during his 2012 campaign for State Auditor. Mr. Kelley largely self-financed his 2012 campaign with a contribution of \$499,800.00¹. According to the Grand Jury Indictment made public by the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Kelley misappropriated millions of dollars that did not belong to him by wrongfully withholding funds from hundreds of homeowners during the closing of their real estate transactions². If the charges in the indictment are accurate, then it appears that some portion of his \$499,800.00 contribution may consist of money that was illegally obtained, a fact Kelley failed to disclose in his PDC filings. By not disclosing the true source of these illegally obtained funds³, Mr. Kelly deprived the public of its rightful knowledge as to the source of his campaign contribution. Washington State Law provides in relevant part

¹ See Appendix A at 1

² Indictment at 4. United States v. Kelley, No. CR15-5918RBL (W.D. Wash. April 15, 2015).

³ Id at 28.

that it is unlawful for anyone to make a contribution to a campaign for state office "in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the source of the contribution or in any other manner so as to effect concealment"⁴. If the U.S. Attorney and the Grand Jury are correct in their allegations regarding violations of federal law, then by extension Mr. Kelley has also violated state public disclosure law. We request that the Attorney General take immediate action to investigate these allegations and enforce the law with respect to any violations. If the Attorney General refuses to take action, we reserve the right under RCW 42.17A.765 to bring in the name of the state any of the actions authorized under that chapter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Hutchison".

Susan Hutchison

Chairman, Washington State Republican Party

⁴ RCW 42.17A.435