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Evelyn Lopez, Executive Director
Public Disclosure Commission
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RE: Citizen Action Notice – Friends of Bob Ferguson

Dear Mr. Satterberg & Ms. Lopez:

On May 5, 2016, the Attorney General's Office received a citizen action notice from the Automotive United Trades Organization (AUTO), which alleged that the Friends of Bob Ferguson had violated provisions of RCW 42.17A. Specifically, AUTO alleged that the political committee violated state laws by receiving campaign contributions from the Muckleshoot and Snoqualmie Indian tribal governments. I understand that you may have also received a copy of this notice; a copy of which is attached in the event my understanding is incorrect.

Given that this citizen action notice relates to the Attorney General's re-election campaign and to ensure public confidence in the process and compliance with AGO staff's professional responsibility, the Attorney General's Office will not participate in acting on AUTO's complaint.

RCW 42.17A.130 authorizes the Public Disclosure Commission or its staff to obtain legal advice or representation pertaining to this matter by retaining the services of an attorney not employed by the Attorney General's Office "to carry out any function of the attorney general prescribed by this chapter." Alternatively, RCW 42.17A.765 authorizes the local prosecutor to act on the notice.

By this letter, AUTO, through its counsel, has been apprised of this action. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Shane Esquibel, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Darwin Roberts, Deputy Attorney General
AUTO, through its counsel, Philip A. Talmadge

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