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To: Jeff S. Jordan / Frankie Hampton
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington D.C. 20463

From: Josephine Wentzel, Co-Chair NoTolls.com
1400 NE 134th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98684

RE: **MUR#6448, Complaint against NoTolls.Com and US Digital**

Dear Sir / Madam:

As the Co-Chair of NoTolls.com, I am writing in behalf of a complaint against NoTolls.com and US Digital.

First and foremost, I am asking that you drop any complaint against US Digital as the company was not personally involved with the NoTolls.com campaign except that the CEO David Madore founded Political Action Committee NoTolls.com. US Digital has contributed in-kind to the PAC but in no way was the company participating in actual campaigning.

Secondly, other than mention on the web site and name on a one-time mailer, NoTolls.com has never officially campaigned for candidates Dino Rossi (for US Senate) or Jaime Herrera (Congress). To campaign for either candidate, our mailers would have been sent state-wide or district 3-wide. This never happened. Our mailers were sent to a local district and were reported on time, every time, to our state public disclosure commission.

I personally was responsible for advising and campaigning for the PAC. Unfortunately, my campaign experience was limited to candidates' campaigns and I wasn't familiar with the political action committee rules.

As soon as I recognized that there was an error regarding the mailer, prior to Mr. Stone's complaint, I immediately stopped printing the mailer, and pulled the radio ad (promoting local candidates), then contacted the Public Disclosure Commission immediately to report that I made an error and explained how it was rectified. I believe it was reported to the PDC on October 20th, 2010. (You may contact Jennifer at the PDC to check on our record of calls made to their office when the mistake was recognized.)

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Our campaign was specific to local candidates. We had sent out a survey to ALL candidates, Democrats and Republicans as well, asking who would oppose the boondoggle bridges and tolls. When candidates responded, we posted their findings.

Again, other than posting responses on our web-site and a one-time small mailing to our county, we never purposely campaigned for any federal candidates.

It is our hope that you would recognize that there were no attempts on our part to either violate any law or conceal any records. We hope that you would take into consideration that when we realized our error, we immediately contacted the Public Disclosure Commission and took immediate action to correct it.

We pride ourselves as being above-board and an example for others. We have learned a lot regarding the working of a political action committee. There were never any attempts to conceal our efforts in reporting our campaigning to stop tolling and protect our local citizens from double taxation.

While it may not reflect on the decision of this complaint, it may be noteworthy to mention that complainant Mr. Stone is the husband of our newly elected mayor's campaign manager. Notolls.com had made public videos showing our mayor campaigning for office opposing tolls then supporting it wholeheartedly right after he won the election. Because of this, a rift was caused between citizens and the mayor.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rk6oA5lw6I>

Mr. Stone, backed by our local newspaper that supports tolls, made the headlines trying to tear down our efforts prior to the election.

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2010/oct/21/complaint-filed-against-notollscom/>

Yet, this same newspaper is involved with the issue:

Columbian, The (Vancouver, WA) February 3, 1995

BALANCE IS THE GOAL IN COVERAGE OF LIGHT RAIL

Author: SCOTT CAMPBELL Section: Op-Ed Article Text:

"The Columbian's donation of advertising to the pro-light rail campaign has raised a few eyebrows. How, some ask, can The Columbian present fair and balanced coverage of the issue when the newspaper has donated almost \$ 19,000 worth of advertising space to the Friends of Light Rail?"

Columbian, The (Vancouver, WA)

April 21, 1995

PANEL TO DISCUSS LIGHT-RAIL DONATIONS

Author: MARCIA WOLF The Columbian

Section: A section

Article Text: *"Friends of Light Rail will have to answer to the Public Disclosure Commission Monday for its failure to name its financial backers before the Clark County measure was defeated Feb. 7.*

The campaign committee reported contributions of \$ 46,468 through Dec. 31, but another \$ 151,532 was not reported to the PDC until after the election."

I am sure that what I have described regarding political backlash is not uncommon for your office to be involved in.

Please let me know if we could be of further assistance. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Josephine F. Wentzel
Co-Chair
NoTolls.com

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