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Re: Response to Complaint in MUR 7955 (Joe Kent for Congress)

Joe Kent for Congress and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer (collectively, the “Committee”), respectfully request that the Federal Election Commission find no reason to believe that the Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and close the file in this matter.

The Complaint includes a single allegation that Joe Kent for Congress violated paragraph one of section 42.17.510 of the Revised Code of Washington State. More than ten years ago, that provision was re-codified as section 42.17A.320. The chapter of Washington statutes in which this rule is situated begins with the statement that it does not apply to federal candidates. *See R.C.W. § 42.17A.200 (“The provisions of this chapter relating to the financing of election campaigns shall apply in all election campaigns other than . . . (2) for a federal elective office[.]”)*. Moreover, the Federal Election Commission does not have jurisdiction to enforce Washington state campaign laws.

The Committee therefore respectfully requests that the Commission find that there is no reason to believe that the Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and close the file in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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