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COMPLAINT
TO: FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION
RE: JOE KENT (CANDIDATE)

Date: August 14, 2023

Submitted by (complainant):

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Respondents:

Joe Kent

JZKnight

Joe Kent Victory Fund

Joe Kent for Congress

Keep Election New Talent PAC

Issues of Fact & Law

1. Joe Kent is a candidate for US Congress for Washington State's 3rd Congressional District.
2. Judith Darlene Hampton (birth name) AKA JZ Knight appears to have donated to Joe Kent's campaign for Washington's 3rd Congressional District under the names JZ Knight, Judith Knight and Judith Darlene Knight.
3. Per FEC reports available online, it appears that in 2021, JZ Knight donated a net of \$5,800 to Kent's campaign.
4. The Campaign contribution limit for 2022 election cycle was \$2,900 per election.
5. Per FEC reports available online, it appears that in 2023, JZ Knight (under the names JZ Knight and Judith Knight) donated a net of \$14,500 to Kent's campaign.
6. The Campaign contribution limit for 2024 election cycle is \$3,300 per election.
7. According to Kent's campaign website they can accept \$14,500 per person: "Individuals or federal non-multicandidate PACs may contribute up to \$14,500. Such contributions shall be allocated in the following order: 1. Campaign shall receive any contribution not exceeding \$3,300 for designation to the 2024 primary election, 2. Campaign shall receive the next contribution not exceeding \$2,900 for 2022 debt retirement which will immediately be reloaned to the 2024 campaign, to the extent such debt exists, 3. LPAC shall receive the next contribution not exceeding \$5,000 annually, 4. Campaign shall receive the next contribution

not exceeding \$3,300 for designation to the 2024 general election.” (Accessed: August 10, 2023; Web address: <https://joekentforcongress.com>)

8. Kent’s campaign website (<https://joekentforcongress.com>) says it’s paid for by the Joe Kent Victory Fund, which it identifies as a joint fundraising campaign of Joe Kent for Congress & Keep Electing New Talent PAC. (Accessed: August 14, 2023)
9. Based on information on the FEC website, it is my understanding that Kent’s campaign can only accept donations to retire 2022 campaign debt if doing so would not result in exceeding the maximum campaign contributions for that election cycle, when combined with any previous donations received for that election cycle. (<https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/handling-loans-debts-and-advances/retiring-debts-candidate/>)
10. Therefore, Knight’s contribution exceeds permissible contribution limits. No part of the \$14,500 may be allocated to the 2022 election cycle, since she had already donated the maximum \$5,800 in 2021.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Rebecca J. Faust
August 14, 2023

JURAT ATTACHMENT

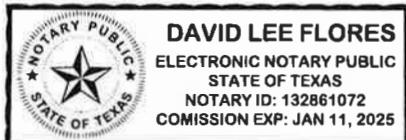
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STATE OF Texas }

COUNTY OF Hidalgo }

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this date of
08/14/2023 by Rebecca Faust

This notarial act was an online notarization.



(Notary Seal)

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