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Via U.S. Mail and Email

John Schuelke  
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Re: Rejection of Expedited Complaint

Dear Mr. Schuelke:

Alaska Public Offices Commission Staff received and reviewed the Expedited Complaint and accompanying exhibits that you filed, by mail, on August 1, 2018.

Upon review of the materials, staff has determined that your Complaint against Forrest J. McDonald must be rejected pursuant to 2 AAC 50.870(b). Specifically, your Complaint did not provide facts that, if true, would violate a provision of AS 15.13.

More specifically, the facts that you presented do not make out a violation of AS 15.13.090 as you allege, because the web page you claim should have a paid for by disclaimer does not meet the definition of a communication inasmuch as it is a mere third-party portal for making a contribution; and, furthermore, is only reached by clicking on a "donate" button that is located directly above a lawful paid for by identifier on Mr. McDonald's campaign website.

Staff further finds that your Expedited Complaint must also be rejected because you did not provide proof that the complaint and accompanying exhibits was actually received by Forrest J. McDonald, the opposing party, as required by 2 AAC 50.888(a).

You have the right to ask the Commission to review the Commission Staff's determination that the Complaint should be rejected under the provisions at 2 AAC 50.870(d).

If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather R. Hebdon".

Heather R. Hebdon  
Executive Director

cc: Mary Lynn Macsalka, Assistant Attorney General  
Forrest J. McDonald