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RE: Complaint Referred from the Public Disclosure Commission - Facebook (2)

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I am writing in response to the complaint you filed with the state Public Disclosure Commission on September 19, 2018. In that complaint, you alleged Facebook failed to provide you information about political ads placed on the Facebook platform as required by state campaign finance law. Specifically, you state you requested information from Facebook on May 29, 2018, and then followed up on your request on July 12, 2018.

On October 18, 2018, the Commission Executive Director, with concurrence from the Chair, referred your allegations to this office in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755. This is to advise you of the outcome of this office's review under RCW 42.17A.765.

During the AGO investigation of Facebook based on the complaint from Conner Edwards, the AGO interviewed you about your information request to Facebook. At that time, you provided this office information about your requests to Facebook including a copy of your May 29, 2018 request. When the State initiated its complaint on June 6, 2018, it referred specifically to your first request to Facebook in November 2017 and then alleged charges against Facebook for all its conduct during the statute of limitations period, which is five years. While the State believes that your request from May is encompassed with the charges filed on June 6, 2018, in an abundance of caution, the State will be amending the complaint to include specific reference to your May request in the facts section of the lawsuit's complaint.

With this notice, the Attorney General's Office's review is complete. This notice satisfies the terms of RCW 42.17A.765(1), constitutes state action under the law, and will be posted on the

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Attorney General's Office website under the "Enforcement of Campaign Finance Laws" page.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda A Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LINDA A. DALTON

Senior Assistant Attorney General

cc: Peter Lavalley, Executive Director, Public Disclosure Commission
Ben Stafford, Counsel for Facebook
Wayne Barnett, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission