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Ms. Anne Levinson
Chairwoman
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
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Dear Chairwoman Levinson,

As president of Lawton Printing, I am writing to express my opposition to the Public Disclosure Commission's campaign reporting rules that would require printers to post their financial information of campaign printing on the internet.

This proposal is quite astonishing to me. If my business were to post details of our political printing on the internet, this information will impact all of our printing work, political and non-political. Posting my pricing will allow my competitors to easily calculate how we price our printing jobs. My competitors will use this information to their advantage. They will know exactly how to bid for and win jobs when we compete for the same business.

I want to be exceptionally clear. This proposal means my competition can see my pricing, but my business cannot see their pricing.

My business employs 17 people, and these are high-wage manufacturing jobs. If my pricing is easily available to my competitors, what am I supposed to tell my employees whose jobs would be at risk.

I hope the PDC will remove this provision from your proposed rule. Too much is at stake for my business.

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Lawton", written in a cursive style.

Laura Lawton
President

cc: Sen. Andy Billig
Sen. Mike Padden
Sen. Michael Baumgartner
Rep. Marcus Riccelli
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Rep. Mike Volz

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