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seeking comment: Pate disclosure

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Megan,

Secretary of State Pate maintains that by mentioning he had real estate sources of income, he was not required to list companies he owns on his personal financial disclosure form. His official comment on Ryan Foley's story for the AP states, "After visiting with the Campaign Ethics and Disclosure Board today, I am confident my financial disclosure statement is accurate."

1. Is that a fair characterization of your conversation? That is, did you tell Secretary Pate that he doesn't need to revise his form?

Part B of Pate's form said he should list "each business" in which he was "engaged" during 2017.

https://webapp.iecdb.iowa.gov/PublicView/pfd/2018/Pate_Paul.pdf

There is no mention of PRG Group LLC, even though as managing partner he must have been "engaged" in their negotiations to buy property.

2. Is it your opinion that by listing that he receives income from real estate rent under part C (4), Pate was not required to mention his business dealings as a leader of a corporation he founded?

3. How is the public supposed to evaluate potential conflicts of interest if state officials don't disclose the names of companies they created and manage?

Thanks in advance for any comment you can provide.

Laurie