



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 2007 inquiring about the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's position on voluntary contributions by title insurance companies doing business in Washington to the Washington REALTORS' political action committee.

Since publication of the report on our investigation of the title insurance industry and issuance of TAA -6-06, we have been receiving numerous inquiries from the title insurance industry about a wide range of specific situations. In an attempt to efficiently communicate on these many questions from industry, we decided to compile them and provide our responses in one communication with wide distribution. However, we do want to respond promptly to the particular question you pose. A similar question was sent to us recently from a title insurer, and we provided a prompt response to that inquiry as well.

We do not believe there is any provision of the Insurance Code of the State of Washington (Title 48 RCW and WAC 284) that would prohibit voluntary contributions by title insurers authorized to do business in Washington to the Washington REALTORS' Political Action Committee.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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