

To Whom it May Concern on the Washington State Ethics Board,

Senator Mona Das appears to have violated Washington State's Legislative Ethics Laws (**RCW 42.52**) and misused her position as an elected Washington State Senator to promote dishonest information about her fellow Senators in an effort to financially benefit herself and her for profit consulting company **MOXY (UBI #604 041 620)**.

Specifically, it is a violation of Washington State's Legislative Ethics Laws for Senator Das to abuse and misuse her position to financially benefit herself by making false statements to help promote her consulting business **MOXY** (violation of **RCW 42.52.160 and 42.52.120**). On June 20, 2019, Senator Das speaking in her official capacity as a Washington State Senator told a Kent Chamber of Commerce audience that her first year in the State Senate in Olympia included closed-door meetings that were full of "racism, sexism, and misogyny." While she made many other similar statements about the overt racism of her fellow Democrat Caucus Senators, these statements have been deemed to be false and inaccurate according to a September 8, 2019 report issued by Tara Parker, HR officer for the Washington Statement (see attached report).

At the same meeting these false statements apparently were made in an effort to encourage customers to sign up for her consulting business, which she promoted at the same event and on her Facebook page (see attached example).

There is nothing inherently illegal or unethical about owning a consulting business, including a consulting business that claims to help train political candidates for office. However, in order to promote a business that explicitly discriminates for customers based on the potential customer or client's racial ethnicity, it is unethical to make false statements using her insider information as a Washington State Senator to falsely make claims about racial discrimination. This is an effort by Senator Das to abuse her elected position as a Washington State Senator and leverage insider information (even if that "information" is actually lies and false statements) in order to generate business leads and financial profit from potential political candidates. This is a violation of **RCW 42.52.160**, and this abuse of Senator Das's position as a newly elected Washington State Senator should be investigated for possibly more extensive and less public abuse of Washington State's Ethics laws than just the specific violations referenced here.

For example, it appears possible, and even likely that violations of **RCW 42.52.150** and/or **RCW 42.52.140**, depending on whether the "contracts" Senator Das received were also intended to influence her votes on certain legislation or whether these "contracts" or "clients" were actually the concealment of gifts and rewards for how she voted. Either way, these may also be discreet and sperate violations of Washington State's Ethics Laws.

The public has a vested interest in ensuring that critical elected positions like a Washington State Senator not become platforms from which the elected official is encouraged to make and rewarded by making false and deceptive statements in an effort to promote their own business and therefore generate personal profit, directly as a result of that same elected official claiming to have secret insider information (as false as those claims might be). While Senator Das may not be the first state senator to do this, this has become a very high profile activity generating substantial news reporting on her false statements, and apparently it has contributed directly to her ability to obtain multiple clients for her **MOXY** consulting business.

At the same event, Senator Das appears to also be handing out literature (referenced in her speech) which also appears to have been produced using public resources and possibly using her state-paid staff. If so, these would be independent violations of Washington State's Ethics laws.

It appears likely that were an investigation into **MOXY** and Senator Das's misuse of her office to promote that business, further violations will be uncovered. However, just this violation should be adequate for the

Washington State Ethics Board to find Senator Das in violation of this statute and she should be censored for these unethical actions.

Best Regards,

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