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Hello:

I write to comment on the PDC's second version of their draft legislative agenda.

This new version represents a very slight improvement over the original because the reports would be due on Tuesdays as opposed to Mondays. However, treasurers would still only have one day between the end of the period covered and the due date of the report, which is a very tight turnaround. This is especially true for those of us who have many campaigns to file for. The period covered (from the previous Tuesday to the Monday right before the report is due) under the new proposal is also a bit clunky and would take a bit of time to get used to. Also, the change to weekly reporting would represent a significant increase in the overall amount of work that we have to perform. It is not clear to many of us how the current system of 21 and 7 day pre-election reports is deficient in any meaningful way.

That being said however, I (and I believe other treasurers) would likely be OK with filing an additional C4 **IF** we were also provided with more than just a single day to prepare the reports. As one of the other treasurers identified, the extremely tight turnaround for the current 21-day and 7-day pre-election reports severely limits the number of clients we can competently take on.

My suggestion would be as follows:

1) Keep the 21-day and 7-day pre-election reports, and add a 14-day pre-election report. My understanding is that the vast majority of voters receive their ballots after the 21-day report is filed, so those who vote immediately on receiving the ballot would be able to see up to date information.

2) Keep the reports due on a Tuesday, but make it so that the period covered is from the Monday before last to the most recent Sunday. For instance: the report would cover 10/18/21 (Monday) to 10/24/21 (Sunday) and be due on 10/26/21 (Tuesday). This would give us two days to prepare and file the report instead of one.

That schedule to me seems like a win-win for everyone. The public would have access to more up-to-date information when voting. Treasurers would have more work because they would have to file a new 14-day report, however this would be offset by the fact that they would now have two days as opposed to just one to file these pre-election reports.

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Best,

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