



Palouse Touring Company LLC

PO Box 1188, Pullman, WA 99163

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Post Office Box 47250
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Dear Grefory Kopta,

I, Robby Borden, the co-founder/owner of Palouse Touring Company LLC would like to explain the situation that led to our late filing of the annual report in an effort to dismiss the fine.

We are a new company that has only been in operation for one year. My business partner and I are both new to business ownership and have been struggling to keep our heads above water, both financially and with general workload.

For the last year we have been "shoebox" accountants. When it came time to file our federal taxes we had to apply for an extension because of the backlog of work to complete. We hired a college intern to come in and help get our accounting entered to the computer and get us on track. This process doesn't happen overnight. When I received the Annual Report in the mail I didn't fill it out because I wanted to make sure it was done correctly. The legal jargon included in the letter is frankly a bit scary and I wanted to make sure we accurately reported our revenue and expenses.

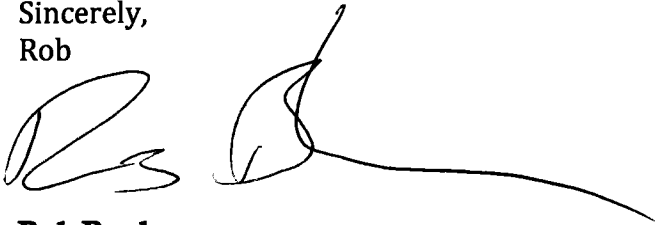
Our company has a number of employees (creating jobs) and is working very hard to comply with the laws and regulations. Our intern has now created a calendar so we can keep up with the reporting documents and deadlines. My business partner and I have worked hard since the beginning of this company to learn quickly from our mistakes. As soon as we learn of a report or agency we need to comply with we work very diligently to get into compliance immediately, and to avoid future fines or violations.

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Our bank account today is \$3,627.84. We are located in Pullman, WA, which is a very seasonal area and summer is the slow time because all the WSU students are gone. We are seeking the dismissal of the \$1,000.00 fine. This fine seems more in line with a large, established \$5mm revenue company for not doing as they are supposed to. We are the little guy and simply cannot afford this large of a fine.

Sincerely,
Rob

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Borden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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