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Re: Campaign Finance Violation by the “Protect Education Accountability Now Committee” pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-925(B)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In its zeal to deprive Arizona families of educational choice, the “Protect Education Accountability Now Committee” (“PEANC”) misleads Arizona voters and violates Arizona law by claiming that the aggregate percentage of its contributors amounts to only 9% of its funding. The truth is far from it. PEANC is almost entirely funded by out-of-state interests.

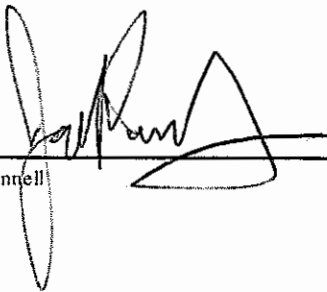
PEANC’s latest Campaign Finance Report, a copy of which is attached, states that it has received \$4,588,947.13 in net contributions. But \$4,499,999.33 of that amount comes from Washington, D.C.-based labor organizations. That means out-of-state contributors comprise 98% of PEANC’s funding.

Nevertheless, PEANC portrays itself to the public as being almost entirely funded by Arizonans. For example, PEANC solicits support through websites containing the following disclaimer:¹

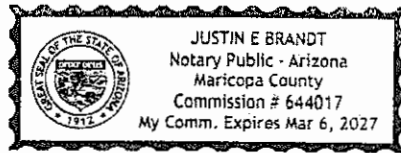
PAID FOR BY PROTECT EDUCATION,
ACCOUNTABILITY NOW! WITH 9% FROM OUT-OF-
STATE CONTRIBUTORS. NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY
CANDIDATE.

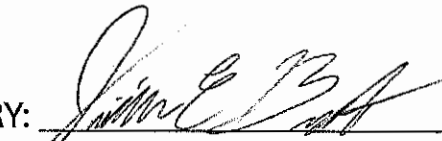
Arizona Revised Statute Section 16-925(B) requires PEANC to tell the truth. Its disclaimers must state that is entirely funded by out-of-state interests, or at least 98% funded based on its first quarter Campaign Finance Report.²

The Arizona Secretary of State as well as the Arizona Citizens Clean Election Commission, therefore, should declare that PEANC is violating Arizona law and take all other appropriate remedial measures the law requires.

X 

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¹ www.protectedaz.com

² <https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2026/391ED116-B6BB-4E81-8005-A792BC8BCE78.pdf>

