





**Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission  
Fitz Johnson Complaint, 10/19/2022 – Statement of Facts  
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**Part Three: Statement of Facts**

PSC Commissioner Fitz Johnson, through his campaign committee “Friends for Fitz PSC,” violated section 21-5-34(b)(1)(A) of the Ethics in Government Act on his campaign disclosure reports for the periods ending December 31, 2021; January 31, 2022; April 30, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

In these reports, there are 213 contributions made by individuals (versus corporations, PACs, etc.) for which the reporting of the contributor’s employer and occupation is required by law. Of those 213, Commissioner Johnson failed to fully disclose the employer and occupation of 127, or **60%**, of the contributions required to include the contributors’ employer name and occupation, including his contribution to his own campaign.

Of those 127 entries for contributions that do not comply with the law:

- 63 entries were left completely blank,
- 56 entries listed “information requested” under employer,
- 8 listed an employer, but no occupation, and,
- 3 listed an occupation, but no employer.

In over 26 years of reviewing campaign reports, I occasionally see the omission of the occupation and employer for contributors. But such omissions are rare. Never have I seen 60% of contribution listings that omitted some or all of the employer and occupation information. Given the numerous omissions, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that this is an attempt to conceal information about contributors from the voters in violation of the law. This is especially troubling given candidates for PSC are under extra scrutiny when accepting contributions from individuals employed by or related to regulated entities that fall under the PSC’s jurisdiction.

Further, many of the contributions were of the same or similar amount, on the same or near the same date of, and by individuals having the same name of those accepted by Johnson’s colleague on the PSC who is also running for re-election, Commissioner Tim Echols. Echols has correctly reported almost all of these same contributors’ employers and occupations, when, for some reason, Johnson has failed to do so.