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Sent via Email to elections.sos@oregon.gov
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Dear Mr. Trout:

This is an election law complaint under ORS 260.715(1), which addresses false statements in material required by election law.

According to ORS 260.715(1), "A person may not knowingly make a false statement, oath or affidavit when a statement, oath or affidavit is required under the election laws." According to the Election Law Summary guide published by the Secretary of State, an example of a false statement under ORS 260.715(1) is stating the candidate has a college degree when the candidate does not.

Amanda La Bell is a candidate for State Representative in House District 54. Ms. La Bell submitted a voters' pamphlet statement for the 2018 general election in which she states she earned a bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University. On September 19, *The Bulletin* newspaper published a story regarding Ms. La Bell's claim titled "Bend statehouse candidate made false claim in voter guide" in which Ms. La Bell admits she did not earn a degree from Valdosta State University.

Given these facts, Ms. La Bell's voters' pamphlet statement is clearly in violation of ORS 260.715(1). We respectfully request that the Elections Division investigate this matter and seek appropriate correction to ensure the integrity of our elections.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Preston Mann
Executive Director, Promote Oregon Leadership PAC