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**Subject:** UPDATE: SAO Response to PRR #7557 - Pend Oreille County  
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Dear Mr. Smith,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has an update regarding the remainder of our response to your public records request sent into our website, as follows:

***I am in receipt of a letter sent by Brad White, Team Spokane Audit Manager, addressed to the Pend Oreille County Commissioners, dated December 3, 2024. The two topics addressed in this letter are described below: “ The State Auditor's Office received a concern from a citizen via the Citizen Hotline regarding Pend Oreille County. We recently examined the citizen's concerns as part of our audit of the County, and we would like to share the results with you. In the citizen's referral, they expressed the following concerns:***

- 1. Concern: The citizen said that they were concerned about a conflict of interest between Pend Oreille County Commissioner John Gentle and Port of Pend Oreille Commissioner Kimberly Gentle.”***
- 2. Concern: The citizen said that they were concerned that the Pend Oreille County Assessor's Office was unfairly and unequally appraising properties and requested a review of the County Assessor's administrative policies and procedures regarding the fair evaluation of properties.”***

***INFORMATION REQUESTED: Copies of the ORIGINAL Concerns. One is described as being via “Citizens Hotline,” and the other is described as being “an email.” If the Citizen requested anonymity, I am requesting the ORIGINAL Concerns, with identifying information redacted.***

In response, we still have found some remaining responsive records to provide you to fulfill this request. We estimate we can have them ready for you by December 19, 2024. If we are unable to meet that date, we will contact you and let you know when to expect the work to be completed. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Mary Leider, CPRO

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