

Dear Mark Belling,

Regarding your opinion on Smurfing, you mentioned your motto is “trust, but verify”. But you did not verify! One prolific Wisconsin donor from Colorado has 60,230 federal donations documented since 1/1/17. Does that sound legal to you? Is it normal for any Wisconsin donor to contribute 4,466 or 3,206 or even 228 times **in one day** to Federal candidates? What about one of your Milwaukee citizens who donated 206 times in one day? More, on her, later in this open letter.

You did a terrible disservice to our country by discrediting the 48 complaints currently at the Ethics Commission regarding alleged illegal money coming in from other countries, our own government and globalists to influence our elections.

Recently, I downloaded the Federal Elections Commission individual donations between 1/1/17 to 4/1/24 with more than 200 entries. For those techies out there, this is not an API download that Peter Bernegger has! This is the public information batch download FEC allows us regular folks. It shows over **107,000 names/addresses** used more than 200 times across the country; of those, 44,693 have donation entries over 400 times. Some names have been used over 50,000 times!! 1,340 names in Wisconsin alone are being used over and over and over again in federal races (congress and Presidential). 124 are used at the state and the Federal level in Racine County (a true case study) over and over and over again. Every state campaign and FEC donor lists are public information and downloadable. Every US citizen has access to this information.

I am one of the original Smurf Hunters for Wisconsin campaigns. I take great offense to your false reporting. I have spent over two years researching, composing collaboratively with Peter Bernegger, and submitting many of the 48 complaints we have into the Wisconsin Ethics Commission. Because of Peter Bernegger’s up to date technical resources and our common sense, we are able to legitimately, honestly and accurately report the atrocity of Smurfing (what you correctly called “political money laundering”) in our beloved Wisconsin. Our first complaint was submitted 8/2023. No word about any of them from the Elections Commission.

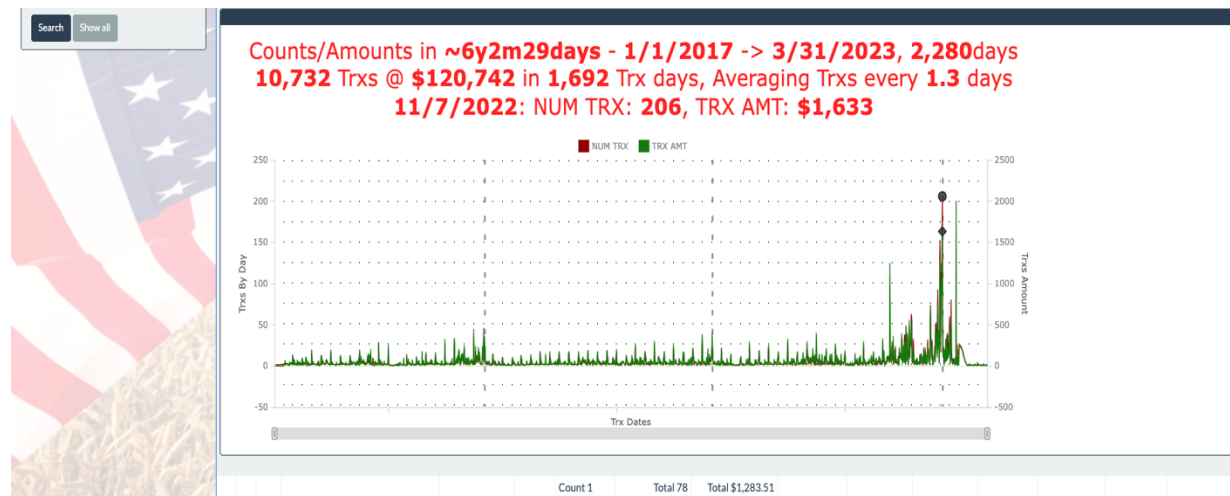
Two years ago, because I was paying attention and was curious, I sat down at my keyboard to research and confirm **MYSELF**, the Smurfing I understood was occurring at the federal level. FEC has recorded, **(THEIR numbers, not mine)** names and addresses using older retired/not employed adults multiple times to launder money. I exported Tony Evers (who I personally researched, wrote and signed the largest of the Smurf complaints for) individual campaign donors from the Wisconsin Finance Campaign Information System (CFIS) and went line by line back to the FEC individual donations. Lo and behold, the same names were being used in our state just as unusually, irregularly and multiply like a million bunny rabbits in a day at the federal level. CFIS, again, are not my numbers; **it is THEIR documented numbers!** We have more than two dozen videos, of mostly Wisconsin citizens, who were presented with their FEC statements and vehemently denied making the massive amounts of donations that were shown. James O’Keefe has several videos of the same. Names and addresses were obviously used illegally at the federal level (US congress and Presidential races) and the same names/addresses were being illegally used at the state level. No, Mark Belling, this is not legal. Check out Wisconsin Statutes: 11.1303(1), 11.1204, 11.1201. These are just a few of the laws that the Wisconsin Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over. There are many more state and federal laws that have been egregiously violated. This was when Peter and I went to work!

Hey, Mark Belling, back to Marilee [REDACTED] in your beloved Milwaukee who donated 206 times in one day? I will redact the full name even though I really don't have to because it is public information. The 1/1/17 to 4/7/24 FEC batch download shows 13,266 entries, but it's actually **17,753** times on the FEC individual total screen. You want to know why the discrepancy? Here is my take because I don't just let people blow smoke up my "you know what" as you have accused us HOT Government or Election Watch people of. The FEC admittedly states on their website :

"1. Threshold for Inclusion: Since 2015, the FEC has set a threshold of \$200 for including contributions in their data files. Contributions are categorized based on the type of committee: Candidate Committees: Contributions are included if the election cycle-to-date amount exceeds \$200. Political Action Committees (PACs) and Party Committees: Contributions are included if the calendar year-to-date amount surpasses \$200."

Case in point. A simple look up of Marilee [REDACTED] (aka Marilee Marilee [REDACTED] and Marilee S. [REDACTED]) on CFIS shows donations to Kaul for Attorney General, Janet for Justice, Milwaukee County Democratic Party, and many assembly races. The FEC is not being transparent as evidenced by the 4,487 discrepancy between the batch download and what is shown on the screen/export. This less than \$200 in a calendar year exclusion 1) wouldn't make up the difference 2) may increase the actual entries deceiving the public of even further questionable donations.

This graph reflects the algorithm likely used to place donations in the name of Marilee averaging 1.3 donations a day.



In addition to these typical Smurfs, there are clone Smurfs and Multi-state Smurfs. A story for another day. Too much to disclose here. A dozen ways to Sunday to Smurf!

Here is just one Racine, WI example: Mary O' [REDACTED], well 86 years old. This is how deceptive they are. You can look her up as O' [REDACTED], MARY or O' [REDACTED], or MARY O' [REDACTED], or O' [REDACTED], MARY OTHER or O' [REDACTED], MARY [REDACTED] or O' [REDACTED], MARY or MARY [REDACTED] OR MARY T O' [REDACTED], ETC. Her address at the FEC shows [REDACTED], Racine, WI, even though she hasn't resided there in at least a year

and a half. The recorded entry numbers at the FEC are always moving targets. The FEC moves money in and out as needed. We have the records of that happening. No running away from the truth, Mr. Belling! Anyway, a recent FEC batch download shows 3,485 times her name has been used to donate money to various liberal entities (individual and PACs) many times on the same day. If you were to export her spreadsheet, an actual **11,911** transactions will show, ranging from \$.01 to \$195, avoiding the transparent reporting at the FEC as explained above.

Continuing on, Peter [REDACTED], 80 years old, lived at the same address as Mary O' [REDACTED]. Likely a significant other. His FEC is just as nefarious as hers. Just like her, has not lived at the location the FEC currently records donations at for at least a year and a half.

Here's Mary's FEC donation transaction dates and donation amounts beginning of 2024 at the **4913 Blue Bird Ln**, Racine address where she no longer resides. Notice the odd amounts, multiple times a day. Not only are these recorded from an old address, but this is not normal donating human behavior. Did I mention that she is 84 years old?

Transaction Dates	Donations
1/31/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/31/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/26/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/26/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/26/24 0:00	\$ 4.00
1/26/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/26/24 0:00	\$ 0.40
1/25/24 0:00	\$ 10.00
1/25/24 0:00	\$ 3.00
1/25/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/25/24 0:00	\$ 0.30
1/24/24 0:00	\$ 14.00
1/24/24 0:00	\$ 1.40
1/23/24 0:00	\$ 3.00
1/23/24 0:00	\$ 0.30
1/22/24 0:00	\$ 3.00
1/22/24 0:00	\$ 0.30
1/21/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/21/24 0:00	\$ 2.00
1/21/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/21/24 0:00	\$ 0.20
1/20/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/20/24 0:00	\$ 0.10
1/19/24 0:00	\$ 10.00

1/19/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/19/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/19/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/18/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/18/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 3.00
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/17/24 0:00	\$ 0.30
1/15/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/15/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/13/24 0:00	\$ 3.00
1/13/24 0:00	\$ 0.30
1/11/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/11/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/9/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/9/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/9/24 0:00	\$ 4.00
1/9/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/9/24 0:00	\$ 0.40
1/7/24 0:00	\$ 10.00
1/7/24 0:00	\$ 1.00
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 5.00
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 4.00
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 0.50
1/5/24 0:00	\$ 0.40
1/2/24 0:00	\$ 4.00
1/2/24 0:00	\$ 0.40

Mary donated **95** times to Evers between 1/2021 and 6/2023, many times on the same day. She has donated to almost all democrat campaigns in Wisconsin.

You may ask “why would candidates use Smurfs in their campaigns when they can just use them in the SuperPACs where there are no donation limits” since that is legal? It's a good question to ponder. I think that if candidates only relied on PAC donations, it would show they have no support from citizens. Especially citizens from their own state!! Did you see how many donations came from out of state in our complaints? Janet (Protasiewicz) for Justice, Tony

(Evers) for Wisconsin, and (Josh) Kaul for Attorney General **all met or exceeded 50% of out of state donations**. It's all smoke and mirrors to deceive! This is all done electronically through the use of algorithms. The Devil is in the details!!

Smurfing disenfranchises every single voter as we aren't able to choose our own leaders. All the while abusing the elderly, falsely using their names and addresses to commit this crime as they are the generation most likely to not be tech savvy. Our political leaders get chosen **FOR** us, just like the possible outcome of the two liberal Menomonee Falls School Board Candidates you spoke about. It puts everyone on an uneven playing field. They will outspend, and out campaign their opponents with the amount of money they are receiving. Wasn't that your point in that particular story about how non-partisan school board members are receiving massive amounts of dollars from the Democratic Party coffers? And, you just aided and abetted in this crime. Did someone whisper in your ear that you'd better not expose what is truly happening in exchange for favors. This is the crime of the century!

Yeah, right, this is all normal and legal (sarc). I could give you hundreds of these Smurf examples just as I outlined above and we provided in our complaints. If you'd bother to do your homework and ask questions before giving an uneducated opinion, you may not have falsely reported on our complaints.

This IS a scandal! You can still get this right. If you don't, you are part of the problem as they say.

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