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Ms. Carol E. Williams  
Executive Director  
Governmental Ethics Commission  
State of Kansas  
109 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 504  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Ms. Williams,

Thank you so very much for spending time with me in your office today explaining the discrepancies in my final two Receipts-and-Expenditures reports for my 2008 campaign for a seat on the Kansas State Board of Education. As you suggested that a brief letter should suffice, I am grateful for your assistance.

This first-of-two letters addresses the "material error or omission" from the October 2008 report.

A loan from Forest Roberts, my son, for \$480 should have been carried forward from the July report. The repayment of that loan was shown in the January 2009 report as repayment to "F.O.R." (not Forest Roberts, as it should have been) and for that my own shorthanded bookkeeping entry is to blame. In January 2009, licking my wounds from finishing third in a field of three candidates, I was not as diligent as I should have been in completing the end-of-campaign documentation your office needs. Forest was repaid from balances in the campaign account after the election.

Should I run again for an educational office in a partisan election, I assure you that I will run as a member of one of the major political parties, and not as an "independent" with no party backing.

In your service,  
Steve E. Roberts