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Upon receipt of notice from Governmental Ethics a letter concerning two entries in my campaign finance report, I would like to make the following amendment to my July report. It was noted that a reimbursement made to Kimberly Gencur needed more information, as did a reimbursement to Nancy Jackson.

The Nancy Jackson reimbursement was my fault, and I should not have titled it "reimbursement." I should have titled it "return" or whatever it would be filed under for returning funds in excess of the \$500 dollar limit. Ms. Jackson wrote me a check in the spring in the amount of \$250.00, and then again in the same filing period she wrote me a check for \$500.00. Upon receiving the second check, I thought it was easiest to simply return \$250.00 dollars to her so that she did not exceed the limit. That was the reason for the first reimbursement.

I reimbursed my wife Kimberly for a plane ticket. This was made in March when I was given the opportunity to go to Washington DC to both present and learn about EPA regulations regarding greenhouse gases. Following a conversation I had with Carol about what was eligible under our campaign finance laws, I thought this was well within the confines of the law, and had that informally confirmed with several other legislators. I should have specified the reimbursement in my campaign finance report. Because of the late nature of notice for the trip, I had my wife book the trip on her credit card and I reimbursed her for the plane ticket. Receipts and credit card statements are available upon request.

I apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for bringing the matter to my attention.

Respectfully,

Josh Svaty, State Representative, 108th District.