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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Mary Scott Treasurer for Thomas Barton 411 N 4th Street Leavenworth, KS 66048

Notification of Material Error or Omission In A Receipts and Expenditures Report

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2015 (Covering the Period October 24, 2014 thru December 31, 2014)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) <u>listed on the other side of this page</u>. Such error(s) and omission(s) must be corrected within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice by filing an amended report.

File the amended report within thirty (30) days with:

Secretary of State 120 SW 10th Memorial Hall Topeka, KS 66612

As provided by law, a copy of this notice has been made a part of your record in the Secretary of State's Office. The intentional failure to file an amended report within thirty (30) days is a class A misdemeanor. In addition, you may not accept contributions or make expenditures following the end of the thirty (30) day period if the amended report has not been filed.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained by writing or calling this office. If after having contacted this office substantial issues remain unresolved, you may within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice request a hearing before the Commission.

Sincerely,

Card E. Williams Executive Director 1. K.S.A. 25-4153 (a)(1) states, "The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such candidate's committee . . . shall not exceed the following: for member of the house of representatives, . . . \$500 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Barton campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 8-7-14 from Mary Gregerson, and an additional \$500 on 12-16-14, for a total of \$1000. Both of these contributions were received during the general election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$500. We would suggest that this contribution be refunded immediately. The return of this contribution should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the January 10, 2016 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. Schedule D (Other Transactions) of the July 28, 2014 Receipts and Expenditures Report lists a loan payable totaling \$200.00 to Thomas Barton. This loan is not carried forward as a loan payable to the October 27, 2014 or the January 10, 2015 Receipts and Expenditures Reports, nor is it disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements). All loans should be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended January 10, 2015 report must be filed disclosing the disposition of this debt.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office.