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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due October 27, 2014 (Covering the Period July 25, 2014 thru October 23, 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.

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.

Carol E. Williams Executive Director

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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 Ryckman campaign reported receiving a \$250 contribution on 11-5-13 from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas PAC, and an additional \$500 on 8-1-14, for a total of \$750. Both of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$250. 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. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the Kansas Rifle Association PAC reports making a \$250 contribution to Ron Ryckman on 9-22-14. This contribution was not reported by your campaign. If this contribution was received, it must be reported on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 27, 2014 report. This error will cause the cash balance on the front page summary sheet to be incorrect. Therefore, an amended front page summary sheet must also be filed. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.
- 3. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 27, 2014 report lists a \$250 contribution from Microsoft Corporation PAC on 9-17-14 and an additional \$250 contribution on 9-30-14. It appears this contribution from Microsoft Corporation PAC is a duplicate entry since they report giving only one \$250 contribution to the Ronald Ryckman Jr. campaign on 9-30-14. If this is a duplicate entry, an amended Schedule A for the October 27, 2014 report must be filed removing one of the contributions.

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