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KS Governmental Ethics Commission

November 11, 2017

Mr. Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
KS Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Skoglund,

First, although I did make contact ahead of time to connect with you about the timeline of this letter, I want to nonetheless make apology for the fact it is later than the 30-day mark. Though it is no excuse, Fall is a busy-busy time for our business and, frankly, this was on the "back burner" while we executed our time-sensitive, resource-intensive Thanksgiving production project (which must arrive to our clients well ahead of the actual holiday).

In question is the reporting period of July 22, 2016 through October 27, 2016, according to your letter. I reviewed the report I turned in and the contributions that were made to me, and I found no errors, to the best of my knowledge. I do not find a check from Atmos in my records (it is my practice to make a copy of check and envelope for my file). If memory serves, in the past Atmos has tried to hand deliver those checks. I do not recall meeting up with any of their representatives to receive one. Perhaps one was written for me, but never delivered? At any rate, while it might have been reported, again, the best of my knowledge, it was not received or deposited.

As to the Kansas Wine & Spirits contribution in question, I am certain that was not deposited into my account. Throughout the years, Kansas Wine & Spirits has often sent me a check. It was my policy throughout my service to not take alcohol, tobacco or gambling contributions (though they are all very generous in their giving). That check was likely returned, as I generally tried to do with contributions of those natures, with a note of appreciation, and/or not cashed. In either instance, I am certain that contribution was not credited to my campaign account.

The campaign report, as originally sent in, should be correct. If it is necessary for me to call the Atmos team to ensure that they never received a deduction to their account from any contribution given to me during the stated period, I am happy to do so.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kasha Kelley
District 80