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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2018 (Covering the Period January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017)

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.

Sincerely,

Mark Skoglund Executive Director

- 1. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report filed by the Dove campaign lists a \$300 contribution from Lakin For Kansas, LLC on 5-2-17.
 - K.S.A. 25-4157a (c) states, "No candidate or candidate committee shall accept from any other candidate or candidate committee for any candidate for local, state, or national office, any moneys received by such candidate or candidate committee as a campaign contribution . . . If this was a donation from the candidate's campaign committee, and not reimbursement for the proportional share of the cost of any campaign activity, it will be necessary for you to return the campaign funds to Lakin For Kansas, LLC.
 - If it was reimbursement for campaign activity, an amended Schedule A must be filed noting that fact. Otherwise, the return of this \$300 contribution should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report.
- 2. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the Kansas Optometric PAC reports making a \$250 contribution to Willie Dove on 9-6-17. 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 January 10, 2018 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 January 10, 2018 report lists a \$100 contribution being received on 1-3-17 from Aetna. K.S.A. 25-4153a states that no registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual, shall make a contribution and no legislator or candidate for the legislature shall accept a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual after January 1 and prior to sine die adjournment of the regular session of the legislature or any other time the legislature is in session. This contribution should not have been accepted and should be returned. The return of this contribution must be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other

Disbursements) of the July 30, 2018 report.

4. 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 Dove campaign reported receiving a \$1175.00 contribution on 9-25-17 from the National Council of Insurance Regulators and two contributions totaling \$1500.00 from the American Legislative Exchange Council. If these contributions were actually reimbursements, not contributions, an amended Schedule A must be filed stating that fact.

If these were contributions, not reimbursements, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$1675.00. We would suggest that these contributions be refunded immediately. The return of these contributions should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

- 5. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) must be amended to include the street or mailing addresses for all individuals and vendors to whom expenditures were made during the January 10, 2018 reporting period.
- 6. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the report lists 3 expenditures totaling \$250 to Vote Hemp, Inc., on 3-7-17 for membership dues. Further explanation for the purpose of these 3 expenditures must be provided in a letter to the Commission.
- 7. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) lists 2 expenditures to KLEAR for Advertising on 3-7-17 in the amount of \$1200 each. It appears the expenditure to KLEAR was reported twice. If so, an amended Schedule C must be filed removing the duplicate entry.

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