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**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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September 7, 2018

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Sedgwick, KS 67135

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 30, 2018  
(Covering the Period January 1, 2018 thru July 26, 2018)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) listed on the other side of this page. 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 10<sup>th</sup>  
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MSK", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Skoglund  
Executive Director

1. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2018 report lists an expenditure in the amount of \$1342.03 to Best Buy for a campaign camera. Further explanation as to the purpose of this expenditure and how it is a campaign expense must be provided in a letter to the Commission.
  
2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2018 report lists expenses in the amount of \$94.02 for fuel costs. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 2007-14, the candidate can only be reimbursed for mileage at the state mileage reimbursement rate. The candidate can not be reimbursed for fuel. The Commission opined "due to the difficulty in determining the allocation of vehicle expenses between a candidate's personal use of a vehicle and the candidate's use of a vehicle for holding political office or for campaign purposes, the Commission now determines that beginning January 1, 2008, the use of campaign funds to pay for otherwise un-reimbursed vehicle expenses will be limited to the state mileage reimbursement rate." When claiming reimbursement for mileage from campaign funds, the treasurer needs to keep detailed records for mileage expenditures showing the dates of travel, the necessity for and specific purpose of the travel, and the actual mileage traveled. It will be necessary for the candidate to reimburse the campaign account for the fuel purchased. This reimbursement will need to be disclosed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 29, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report. The candidate can be reimbursed for the miles driven at the state rate of 53.5 cents per mile. If done, this expenditure would be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) on the October 29, 2018 report.

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