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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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April 16, 2024

Marsha Evenson Treasurer for Duane Droge 701 P50 Road Eureka, KS 67045

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2024 (Covering the Period January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023)

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 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,

Karina Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

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- 1. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, HCA KS Good Government Fund PAC reports making a \$250 contribution on 12-18-23 to Duane Droge. 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, 2024 report. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.
- 2. The January 10, 2024 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee that was paid on 11-2-23 in the amount of \$120.00. If the filing fee was paid by the candidate from personal funds, it should be recorded on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) as an "in-kind" contribution from the candidate to the campaign. If the filing fee was paid from campaign funds, this expenditure should be listed on Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements). The January 10, 2024 report must be amended by showing the payment of the filing fee either on Schedule B or Schedule C and on the cover summary page.
- 3. K.S.A. 25-4146(b) states, "No contribution or other receipt shall be received or expenditure made, by or on behalf of a candidate, except payment of a filing fee: (1) until such candidate appoints a treasurer and makes the report required to the Secretary of State..." Several contributions were received by the campaign prior to the date the candidate's Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form was filed on November 30, 2023.

These contributions should not have been accepted. No amendment to the January 10, 2024 report is necessary for this error.

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