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August 15, 2024

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 29, 2024
(Covering the Period January 1, 2024 thru July 25, 2024)

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karina Renna".

Karina Renna
State Campaign Finance Coordinator
Karina.renna@ks.gov

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 Bateman campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01-17-24	Francis Muscato	\$500
06-30-24	Frank Muscato	\$500
		\$1000
04-09-24	Staci Vega	\$250
05-07-24	Staci Vega	\$50
07-01-24	Staci Vega	\$100
07-10-24	Staci Vega	\$100
07-10-24	Staci Vega	\$100
		\$600

These contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$600. 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 October 28, 2024 Receipts and Expenditures Report.**

2. The July 29, 2024 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee that was paid on 1-11-24 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 July 29, 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. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) indicates your campaign accepted the following cash contributions over \$100:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03-08-24	Linda Johnson	\$170
03-22-24	Alexander Bateman	\$200
07-10-24	Gina Shehorn	\$250
07-10-24	Tom Meier	\$150

K.S.A. 25-4153(i) states, "No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any

candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or general election."

The cash contributions listed above should not have been accepted by the campaign. In the future, you must be certain that all contributions in excess of \$100 are made by check, cashier's check, money order or e-funds. **No amendment is required for this error.**

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