GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Treasurer for Gary Mason
1201 Bracken Court
Wichita, KS 67206

July 12, 2012

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2012
      (Covering the Period January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011)

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.
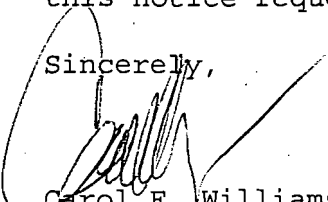
File the amended report within thirty (30) days with:

        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,

Carol E. Williams
Executive Director

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 the office of state senator, . . . $1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Mason campaign reported receiving a $1000 contribution on 10-10-11 from Lynn Nichols and a $352.81 in-kind contribution on 12-22-11, for a total of $1352.81. Both of these contributions were received during the primary election period.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted a contribution in excess of the legal limit amounting to $352.81. We would suggest that this contribution be refunded immediately. The return of this contribution should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2012 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, Kansas Chamber Jobs PAC reports making two in-kind contributions totaling $663.75 to Gary Mason. These in-kind contributions were not reported by your campaign. If these in-kind contributions were received, they must be reported on Schedule B (In-Kind Contributions) on the January 10, 2012 report. An amended front page summary sheet must also be filed. If the campaign did not receive these in-kind contributions, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

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..." The following contribution was received prior to the date the candidate's Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form was filed on September 19, 2011:

Date	Name		Amount
8-31-11	Gary Mason	)	$500

This contribution should not have been accepted. No amendment to the January 10, 2012 report is necessary for this error. This notice is being provided for informational purposes.

4. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2012 report shows loans totaling $23,600.00 from the candidate. All loans should also be listed on Schedule D (Other Transactions) until such time as they are repaid or forgiven. An amended report must be filed which includes Schedule D and the corresponding entry on Line 7 of the cover summary page.

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