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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 October 31, 2016 (Covering the Period July 22, 2016 thru October 27, 2016)

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.

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,

Executive Director

- 1. The beginning balance of \$32,913.93 listed on the October 31, 2016 report is not the same as the ending balance of \$39,213.93 listed on the July 25, 2016 report. This difference of \$6,300.00 must be explained in an amended report.
- 2. 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 Skubal campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 7-23-16 from Kent Lage, and an additional \$1000 on 8-2-16, for a total of \$1500. 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 \$500. 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 January 10, 2018 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

3. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the following PACs report making contributions to the Skubal campaign:

| DATE | CONTRIBUTOR | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|--|----------------|
| 08-15-16 | American Council of Engineering Companies of KS PAC | \$1000 |
| 08-18-16 09-26-16 | Century Link Inc., Employees PAC Heavy Constructors Assn. PAC | \$500 \$750 |

These contributions were not reported by your campaign. If these contributions were received, they must be reported on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 31, 2016 report. These errors 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 these contributions, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

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