Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws





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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 January 10, 2016 (Covering the Period January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error or omission <u>listed on the</u> <u>other side of this page</u>. No amendment to the January 10, 2016 Receipts & Expenditures Report is necessary for this error.

As provided by law, a copy of this notice has been made a part of your record in the office of the Secretary of State.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained by writing or calling this office.

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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 Hawk campaign reported receiving a \$100 contribution on 9-16-14 from the Kansas Contractors Association PAC, and an additional \$1000 on 11-22-15, for a total of \$1100. 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 \$100. 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 25, 2016 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2016 report lists a \$350 contribution being received on 1-24-15 from Centurytel, Inc. K.S.A. 25-4153a states that no registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual, shall make a contribution and no legislator or candidate for the legislature shall accept a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual after January 1 and prior to sine die adjournment of the regular session of the legislature or any other time the legislature is in session. This contribution should not have been accepted and should be returned. The return of this contribution must be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2016 report.

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