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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 26, 2020 (Covering the Period July 24, 2020 thru October 22, 2020)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error(s) or omission(s) <u>listed on the other side</u> 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 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,

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Karina Renna State Campaign Finance Coordinator

 According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the following PAC's report making contributions to Jeff Pittman:

## Date Contributor

## Amount

07-29-20	Future Now Fund	\$1000
09-14-20	Sunflower Seeds PAC	\$1000
10-15-20	Kansas Optometric PAC	\$500
10-23-20	Cement Masons & Operative Plasterers	\$250
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If these contributions were received, they must be reported on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the October 26, 2020 report. If the campaign did not receive these contributions, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

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 Pittman campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 8-27-20, and \$1000 contribution on 9-3-20 from Karla Jurvetson, for a total of \$1500. Both of these contributions were received during the general 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, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

- 3. The beginning balance of \$74,228.72 listed on the October 26, 2020 report is not the same as the ending balance of \$73,697.04 listed on the amended July 27, 2020 report. This difference of \$531.68 must be explained in an amended report.
- 4. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 26, 2020 report lists a \$1,000 contribution on 7-24-20 from the Operating Engineers Local 101 PAC. It appears this \$1000 contribution was also reported on the July 27, 2020 and a duplicate entry since the Operating

Engineers Local 101 PAC reports giving only one, \$1000 contribution to Jeff Pittman during the primary election cycle. If this \$1,000 contribution is a duplicate entry, an amended Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) must be filed removing the duplicate entry.

5. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 26, 2020 report lists a \$50 cash contribution on 8-20-20 with the name disclosed as "anonymous". K.S.A. 25-4154(b)states "No person shall give or accept any contribution in excess of \$10 unless the name and address of the contributor is known to the individual receiving the contribution." If the campaign is not aware of the name of the contributor, \$50 must be expended in a non-political manner since this would be an illegal contribution. An explanation for this \$50 cash contribution must be provided in a letter to the Commission.

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