



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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September 10, 2020

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 27, 2020
(Covering the Period January 1, 2020 thru July 23, 2020)

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

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 Suellentrop campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-04-17	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$500
12-19-18	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
11-19-19	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
07-20-20	ITC Great Plains, LLC	\$250
		\$1250
12-04-17	Kansas Rural Independent Telecom PAC	\$250
12-19-18	Kansas Rural Independent Telecom PAC	\$500
07-02-20	Kansas Rural Independent Telecom PAC	\$500
		\$1250

All of 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 \$500. We would suggest that this contribution be refunded immediately. The return of these contributions should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

2. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 27, 2020 report lists the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01-10-20	Pfizer, Inc.	\$1000
04-23-20	Caremark RX Inc.	\$500

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. These contributions should not have been accepted and should be returned. The return of these contributions must be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 report.

3. The July 27, 2020 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee. 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 27, 2020 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.

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