



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Patsy Porter
Treasurer for John Eplee
221 N 6th Street
Atchison, KS 66002

September 11, 2024

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 29, 2024
(Covering the Period January 1, 2024 thru July 25, 2024)

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,

Karina Renna
State Campaign Finance Coordinator
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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 or member of the state board of education, . . . \$1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Eplee campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 12-28-23, a \$1000 contribution on 7-18-24 from Kansas Beer Wholesalers PAC for a total of \$1500. All of these contributions were received during the primary election period which is January 1, 2021 through August 6, 2024 for senators.

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 October 28, 2024 report.

2. Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 29, 2024 report lists an expenditure to John Eplee on 4-12-24 in the amount of \$626.72 for reimbursement for expenses. It will be necessary for you to provide a further breakdown for the reimbursement. If any one expense was over \$50 it must be itemized. An amended Schedule C for the July 29, 2024 report must be filed disclosing this information.
3. K.S.A. 25-4148 (b) (7) requires that when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payment to each. An expenditure in the amount of \$35,028.00 was made to Medium Buying LLC for Radio/TV. Please submit the required supplemental information as an amendment to Schedule C on the July 29, 2024 Receipts and Expenditures Report.

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