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September 19, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karina Renna".

Karina Renna
State Campaign Finance Coordinator
Karina.renna@ks.gov

1. On March 29, 2024 a Notification of Material Error or Omission In A Receipts and Expenditures Report was mailed to the Patrick Schmidt campaign regarding two excess contributions that were received during the primary election period in the amount of \$500 from Carolyn Bloom and \$1000 from Cross Law Firm LLC. The return of these excess contributions was not reported on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 29, 2024 report. If they were returned, an amended Schedule C for the July 29, 2024 report must be filed listing the returns. If the \$1500 in excess contributions have not been returned, they must be returned immediately. **The return of these contributions will be shown on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 28, 2024 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 or member of the state board of education, . . . \$1000 for each primary election . . . and an equal amount for each general election." The Schmidt campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-11-23	Patrick Cantwell	\$250
02-11-24	Patrick Cantwell	\$1000
		<i>\$1250</i>
05-31-24	Ann Pava	\$500
05-31-24	Ann Pava	\$1000
		<i>\$1500</i>
11-29-23	DuWur Lakshmi	\$250
06-13-24	DuWur Lakshmi	\$1000
		<i>\$1250</i>

These contributions were received during the primary election period which was January 1, 2021 through August 6, 2024 for senators.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4153, the campaign accepted contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$1000. We would suggest that these contributions be refunded immediately. **The return of these contributions should be noted on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 28, 2024 report.**

3. The July 29, 2024 report did not disclose a payment to the Secretary of State for the candidate's filing fee that was paid on 5-24-24 in the amount of \$70.00. 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 29, 2024 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.

4. The July 29, 2024 Receipts and Expenditures Report was not signed by the treasurer of record, Harry Christian or the candidate, Patrick Schmidt. An amended July 29, 2024 report must be filed and signed by either the candidate or the treasurer.

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