Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws





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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Caitlin Claeys Treasurer for J R Claeys 426 Greystone Drive Salina, KS 67401

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2024 (Covering the Period January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023)

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

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

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 Claeys campaign reported receiving the following contributions:

Date	Contributor	Amount
12-24-21 10-25-22 10-25-23	Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC Kansas Health Care Assn PAC	\$500 \$250 \$500 <b>\$1250</b>
12-24-21 10-25-22 10-25-23	Kansas Cable PAC Kansas Cable PAC Kansas Cable PAC	\$500 \$250 \$500 <b>\$1250</b>
12-24-21 10-25-22 10-25-23	Cox Communications, Inc Cox Communications, Inc Cox Communications, Inc	\$500 \$250 \$500 <b>\$1250</b>

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 contributions in excess of the legal limit amounting to \$750. 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 July 29, 2024 report.

2. According to the reports filed with the Secretary of State, the following PAC's report making contributions to the J.R. Claeys campaign:

## Date Contributor

## 12-08-23Kansas Chamber of Commerce PAC\$100011-15-23KS Comm for Rural Electrification\$450

These contributions were not reported by your campaign. If these contributions were received, they must be reported on

Amount

Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) on the January 10, 2024 report. If the campaign did not receive these contributions, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

3. According to the January 10, 2024 report filed by the Kansas Optometric PAC, they report giving Claeys for Kansas Senate a \$500 contribution on 9-20-23 and another \$500 contribution on 12-13-23. Your campaign reported receiving a \$500 contribution on 9-20-23. Please check your records to determine if your campaign received two contributions from the PAC since your address was listed on the report. If this contribution was received, it must be reported on Schedule A. If the campaign did not receive this contribution, please note this fact in a letter to the Commission.

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