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October 29, 2018

Mr. Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
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Mr. Skoglund,

Once again, thank you to you and your staff for the work you do and for your care regarding campaign finance and ethics regulations.

I want to call to your attention several items on our current campaign finance report for the general election cycle.

First, as mentioned in my letter to you dated October 11, 2018, our campaign inadvertently received an over-contribution from Jared Smith in August. We received \$2,000.00 from Mr. Smith on August 22, 2018, and then \$2,000.00 from him on August 28, 2018. We are aware that in compliance with K.S.A. 25-4153 the campaign cannot accept more than \$2,000.00 total from any entity in a single election cycle. As indicated in that prior letter, we refunded Mr. Smith \$2,000.00 via our check number 1331, dated October 10, 2018.

Second, our campaign inadvertently received similar over-contributions from Linus Upson and from Maria Stone – both in the amount of \$2,000.00. We have refunded Mr. Upson \$2,000.00 via our check number 1338 and we refunded Ms. Stone \$2,000.00 via our check number 1339, both checks dated October 18, 2018.

Third, given questions on our primary cycle report about specific out-of-state travel expenses, we are here providing more detailed information about similar travel-related expenditures by the campaign in the general election cycle that are included on our general election report, filed online today:

1. On 9/6/18 we paid \$310.00 to the campaign Finance Director as reimbursement for airfare to California to manage a fundraising event for the campaign.
2. On 9/24/18, \$26.29 paid to the Parking Spot was for parking for the Finance Director at the Kansas City International airport during travel to California to manage a fundraising event for the campaign.

3. The Uber receipts on 9/24/18 were for car transportation by the Finance Director while in California for the fundraising event, from the airport and back to the airport, respectively.
4. On 9/24/18 the campaign also paid \$59.00 to United Airlines for a seat upgrade for the Finance Director's air travel.
5. On 9/25/18, the \$10.14 expenditure to Jet Box was for a meal for the Finance Director at the airport.

I hope this information is helpful in explaining appropriately those travel-related expenses by the campaign. Please let us know if you need any additional information about any of these issues, or any other specific expenditures.

Thank you for your work and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Praeger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sandy Praeger
Treasurer