Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



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Virginia Crossland-Macha Treasurer for Raymond Sifers 2805 North Funston Iola, KS 66749

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 26, 2010 (Covering the Period January 1, 2010 thru July 22, 2010)

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 (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

AND

The Candidate's Home County Election Officer

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.

Executive Director

Sincerely

- 1. The July 26, 2010 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 26, 2010 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.
- 2. The Campaign Finance Act requires that any contribution from an individual in excess of \$150 must be accompanied by the <u>occupation and industry</u> of the individual. Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the report does not reflect both the occupation and industry of the individual donors. The report must be amended to show both the occupation and the industry of all contributors who gave in excess of \$150.
- 3. K.S.A. 25-4146(b) states, "No contribution or other receipt shall be received or expenditure made, by or on behalf of a candidate, except payment of a filing fee: (1) until such candidate appoints a treasurer and makes the report required to the Secretary of State..." A contribution was received and expenditures were made prior to the date the candidate's Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form was filed on June 15, 2010.

This contribution should not have been accepted or expenditures made before the appointment form was filed. No amendment to the July 26, 2010 report is necessary for this error. This notice is being provided for informational purposes.

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