



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Phyllis Merrick
Treasurer for Ray Merrick
6874 W 164 Terrace
Stilwell, KS 66085

August 26, 2011

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due October 25, 2010
(Covering the Period July 23, 2010 thru October 21, 2010)

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

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol E. Williams".

Carol E. Williams
Executive Director

Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the October 25, 2010 report indicates campaign expense reimbursements to Ray Merrick from personal funds from 4-07 thru 10-14-10. The itemized breakdown lists a \$2500 reimbursement for the Republican National Convention on 9-1-2008.

Opinion 1996-14 states, "The Commission believes this law does not permit the use of campaign funds for a state office holder or a candidate for state office to attend his or her national party convention since this expenditure does not have a legitimate campaign purpose, is not for an expense of holding political office, or is not a contribution to a party committee. In addition, such expenditure is for the "personal use" of the candidate and does not have a "direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of the candidate or the holding of public office." Thus, elected state office holders may not use campaign funds to attend national political party conventions.

Further explanation for this reimbursement must be provided in a letter to the Commission.

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