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

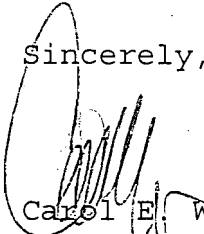
RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due July 30, 2012
(Covering the Period January 1, 2012 thru July 26, 2012)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error or omission listed on the other side of this page. **No amendment to the Receipts & Expenditures Report is necessary for this error.**

As provided by law, a copy of this notice has been made a part of your record in the office of the Secretary of State.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained by writing or calling this office.

Sincerely,


Carol E. Williams
Executive Director

Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements) of the July 30, 2012 Receipts & Expenditures Report shows a \$433.66 payment to Coutures For Men on 6-23-12 for "Campaign Speaking Clothes".

K.S.A. 25-4157a states that campaign funds may not be used for "the personal use of the candidate". The Commission has consistently held that clothing by its very nature is personal. Using campaign funds to purchase clothing is not a legitimate use of campaign funds. In Opinion No. 96-16, the Commission stated that the purchase or renting of formal wear for governmental and political functions is not a permissible use of campaign funds. It will be necessary for the candidate to personally reimburse the campaign account \$433.66 for the clothes. The reimbursement must be shown on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the October 29, 2012 report.

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