



**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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June 23, 2021

Tom Pettey  
Treasurer for Cheryl Helmer  
3109 Bolero Court  
Winfield, KS 67156

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due October 26, 2020  
(Covering the Period July 24, 2020 thru October 22, 2020)

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 October 26, 2020 report is required 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 e-mailing or calling this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karina Renna".

Karina Renna  
State Campaign Finance Coordinator

Schedule C (Expenditures & Other Disbursements) of the October 26, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report shows a \$53.09 payment to Mini-Max on 10-14-20 for “Trump hat”.

K.S.A. 25-4157a states that campaign funds may not be used for “the personal use of the candidate”. To be a permissible use of campaign funds, an expenditure must have a “direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of the candidate or the holding of public office”. The Commission has consistently held that clothing by its very nature is personal. It will be necessary for the candidate to personally reimburse the campaign account \$53.09 for the Trump hat. The reimbursement must be shown on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the January 10, 2022 report.

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