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## **GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James DuBois Treasurer for Clarke Sanders 400 E Kirwin Avenue Salina, KS 67401 April 21, 2022

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

RE: Receipts and Expenditures Report Due January 10, 2022 (Covering the Period January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021)

A review of your Receipts and Expenditures Report identified above indicates the material error or omission <u>listed on the other side of this page</u>. No amendment to the January 10, 2022 Receipts & Expenditures Report is necessary for this error. The return will be shown on the July 25, 2022 report.

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,

Karina Renna

State Campaign Finance Coordinator

Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the January 10, 2022 report shows expenses in the amount of \$122.00 for fuel costs. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 2007-14, the candidate can only be reimbursed for mileage at the state mileage reimbursement rate, not for fuel. The Commission opined "due to the difficulty in determining the allocation of vehicle expenses between a candidate's personal use of a vehicle and the candidate's use of a vehicle for holding political office or for campaign purposes, the Commission now determines that beginning January 1, 2008, the use of campaign funds to pay for otherwise un-reimbursed vehicle expenses will be limited to the state mileage reimbursement rate." When claiming reimbursement for mileage from campaign funds, the treasurer needs to keep detailed records for mileage expenditures showing the dates of travel, the necessity for and specific purpose of the travel, and the actual mileage traveled. It will be necessary for the candidate to reimburse the campaign account for the fuel purchased. This reimbursement will need to be disclosed on Schedule A (Contributions and Other Receipts) of the July 25, 2022 Receipts and Expenditures Report. The candidate can be reimbursed for the miles driven at the state rate of \$.56 per mile for calendar year 2021. If done, this expenditure would be disclosed on Schedule C (Expenditures and Other Disbursements) of the July 25, 2022 report.

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