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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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March 5, 2015

Tracey Armstrong, Lobbyist for KS Coalition for Life & KS Republican Assembly 4244 S Hydraulic, Apt. 215 Wichita, KS 67216

Re: \$540.00 total civil penalties

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

On April 17, 2014, two (2) administrative orders issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) were mailed to you at the above address by certified mail, signed return receipt requested. A total of \$540 in civil penalties were assessed for failure to timely file an Employment and Expenditures Reports. This mailing was returned unclaimed.

The administrative orders were mailed to you by first class mail on February 4, 2015, and has not been returned undeliverable. A cover letter from Executive Director Carol Williams informing you of your need to pay the civil penalty was included. Similar letters were mailed to you on May 12 and August 12, 2014. As of the date of this letter the Commission has not received your payment.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties quite seriously. In the absence of payment **in full by March 20, 2015**, the Commission intends to exercise any legal remedies available - including the State of Kansas Debt Setoff program. If the Commission refers your debt to this program, the Kansas Department of Revenue will divert \$540 to the Commission from any funds that the State of Kansas my owe you, including tax refunds. Additionally, if you fail to pay the civil penalty by that date, your name will be posted prominently on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility

In the alternative, you may send a money order (a check is no longer acceptable due to your prior NSF payment noted above) in the amount of \$540.00 made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission by March 20, 2015.

Sincerely

Brett Berry

General Counsel