



**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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September 23, 2019

James Breitenbach,  
Candidate for State Representative and Treasurer  
9841 West Shade Lane  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

Re: **\$1,000 civil penalty**

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

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

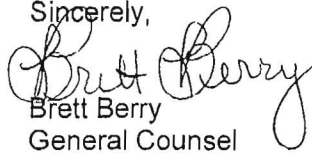
On August 23, 2018, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) was mailed to you by certified mail, signed return receipt requested. The order assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to timely file the July 30, 2018, Receipts and Expenditures Report.

A January 2, 2019, letter from Executive Director Mark Skoglund reminding you to pay the penalty was mailed to you at the above address. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties seriously. In the absence of payment **in full by October 23, 2019**, 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 \$1,000 to the Commission from any money due you from the State of Kansas. Additionally, if you fail to pay by that date, your name will be posted prominently on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility. The Kansas Debt Setoff Program may also retain additional funds due to you from the state as payment for collection costs.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of **\$1,000.00** made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs **by October 23, 2019**.

Sincerely,

  
Brett Berry  
General Counsel