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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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January 10, 2024

Karla Lisle, Treasurer Kansans for Conservative Values 27745 Normandy Rd Louisburg, KS 66053

Re: \$1,500.00 civil penalties owed to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Dear Karla Lisle,

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

On January 28, 2021, three (3) administrative orders issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission ("Commission") were mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The orders each assessed \$300.00 civil penalties against you, totaling \$900.00, for the failure to file your Calendar Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 Political Action Committee ("PAC") Registration Statements in a timely manner.

On May 17, 2021, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission ("Mr. Skoglund"), sent a letter by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

On March 25, 2021, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for failing to file your January 10, 2021, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On June 30, 2021, Mr. Skoglund sent a letter by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

On May 12, 2023, a letter was sent to you informing you that you had thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to pay the outstanding civil penalties stated above before they would be sent to the Kansas Debt Recovery System for collections. On July 3, 2023, these four (4) civil penalties, totaling \$1,200.00, were sent to collections.

On January 26, 2023, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your PAC Registrations for Calendar Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 in a timely manner.

On November 3, 2023, Mr. Skoglund sent a letter by first-class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay all outstanding civil penalties mentioned above. 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 February 9, 2024, 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 \$300.00 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 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. Please be further advised that the Commission reserves and retains all its rights and remedies.

As stated above, \$1,200.00 of the \$1,500.00 of total civil penalties have already been sent to the Kansas Debt Recovery System for the Kansas Department of Revenue to divert from any money due to you from the State of Kansas. These payments are able to be removed should payment be received by the Commission.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of \$1,500.00 made payable to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs by February 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

General Counsel