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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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January 11, 2024

Thomas Witt, Treasurer
Equality Kansas
800 N Market St
Wichita, KS 67214

Re: \$600.00 total civil penalties assessed on September 28, 2022 and January 25, 2023

Dear Thomas Witt,

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

On September 29, 2022, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission ("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 July 25, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

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 October 31, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On November 2, 2023, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission, sent a letter by first class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalties. 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 12, 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 \$600.00 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.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of \$600.00 made payable to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs by February 12, 2024.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart
General Counsel