



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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May 12, 2023

John Lauer
Mayoral candidate
3525 SW Randolph Ave
Topeka KS 66611

Re: **\$250 civil penalty assessed August 25, 2021**

Dear Mr. Lauer,

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

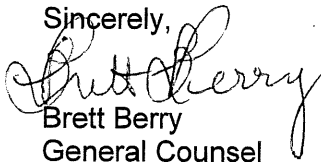
On August 26, 2021, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) was mailed to you by certified mail, signed return receipt requested. The order assessed a \$250 civil penalty for failure to timely file a July 26, 2020, Receipts and Expenditures Report.

A October 28, 2021, 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 June 15, 2023**, 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 \$250 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 **\$250.00** made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs **by June 15, 2023**.

Sincerely,


Brett Berry
General Counsel