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July 1, 2020

George Kruse  
12806 Daisy Pl  
Bradenton FL 34212

Dear Mr. Kruse,

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due on Friday, June 19, 2020 was received on Monday, June 22, 2020.

Section 106.07(2)(8), Florida Statutes (see enclosed), requires that the filing officer notify you of your failure to file said report and that a fine be assessed for each day late. As you see from the statutes, any candidate failing to file a report on the designated date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day late, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. The fine must be paid from the candidate's **personal funds** – not campaign funds.

- Report 3 days late
- Calculation of fine using daily method = 3 days x \$50 per day = \$150.00
- Calculation of fine using percentage method = \$13050.00 contributions x 25% = \$3262.50      \$5162.76 expenditures x 25% = \$1290.69
- Fine to be imposed = \$150.00

A check in the amount of \$150.00 should be made out to the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections.

Any candidate may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission – (850) 922-4539. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. If filing an appeal, notify the filing officer in writing of your intention to bring the matter before the commission.

If you have any questions about this matter, please come to our office or call 741-3823 and speak to Sharon.

Sincerely,

Michael Bennett  
Supervisor of Elections

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