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Julie A. Allen

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May 31, 2012

Senator James Lembke
812 Ann Lynn Court
St. Louis, MO 63125

Re: Case #12E064

Dear Senator Lembke:

The Missouri Ethics Commission, considered at the May 31, 2012 meeting, the complaint filed you. The Commission reviewed the allegation of failure to report out-of-state travel expenses on your personal financial disclosures pursuant to Chapter 105, RSMo.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss this complaint. The investigation showed that you attended a Mo-BIO trip in July 2009 within the State of Missouri. You were therefore not required to report this trip on your financial statement.

The investigation showed that as a matter of course, you have reported out-of-state travel on your personal financial disclosure reports. While you did not originally report \$400.89 in food and beverage paid for by a third party on a trip to Washington D.C. in November 2010, you filed an amended statement on February 28, 2012 reporting these expenses. In addition, you originally paid for the remaining travel expenses for this trip personally, and later received a \$500.00 scholarship from ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) reimbursing you for a portion of those expenses. This is reflected on an amended statement filed May 14, 2012.

While the Commission voted to dismiss this complaint, you are reminded to review all reporting requirements for personal financial disclosure statements under Section 105.485, RSMo for out-of-state travel, and to report timely all required expenses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Allen".

Julie A. Allen, CPA, PMP
Executive Director

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