



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

July 6, 2017

Judy Bowman  
Citizens for Judy Bowman  
2005 Maverick Trail  
Harrisonville MO 64701

Re: File No. 17-0032-I

Dear Ms. Bowman:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Citizens for Judy Bowman at its June 30, 2017 meeting. The complaint alleges that Citizens for Judy Bowman received a \$200 contribution on March 31, 2015 from Taxpayer Protection PAC, a continuing committee, but that Citizens for Judy Bowman failed to report the contribution. The complaint also alleges that Citizens for Judy Bowman has reported the committee's money on hand incorrectly. At the time of the alleged contribution, Citizens for Judy Bowman filed its campaign finance reports with the Cass County Clerk.<sup>1</sup>

Staff review of the complaint determined that Taxpayer Protection PAC reported making a direct expenditure in support of your candidacy in its April 2015 Quarterly Report. The committee reported making the expenditure on March 31, 2015 and reported that the expenditure was \$200. The report was made on a Direct Expenditure Report, which is used when a committee makes an expenditure to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. A direct expenditure supporting a candidate is not reported as a contribution to that candidate because the committee making the expenditure is not coordinating the expenditure with the candidate. In this case, you indicated you were not aware of the expenditure before it was made. For this reason, you were not required to report the \$200 because it was not a contribution to your committee.

Staff review determined that Citizens for Judy Bowman had a minor discrepancy (60 cents) in its 8 Day Before Election Report filed on March 30, 2015. The committee further noted that it had not originally reported a \$5 bank fee on this same report. The committee has amended its report filed with Cass County to correct these minor errors.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1, 2017, all candidate committees are required to file campaign finance reports electronically with the Missouri Ethics Commission.