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VIA EMAIL & CERTIFIED MAIL

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RE: Notice of Penalty Assessment – 24-Hour Campaign Disclosure Report

Mr. Duplantis:

According to our records you did not timely file a 24-Hour Report during the 2018 State Primary Election. During the 9 days prior to an election (Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>), candidates are required to disclose contributions that exceed \$250 within 24 hours of receipt. You were required to disclose a contribution through a 24-Hour Report, no later than August 16, 2018.<sup>1</sup> Instead, this contribution was disclosed on a Year End Report on February 15, 2019 (183 days late).<sup>2</sup> By law a maximum penalty of \$500 accrues each day the report is late.<sup>3</sup> The maximum penalty the Alaska Public Offices Commission could assess you is \$91,500.<sup>4</sup>

However, pursuant to 2 AAC 50.855(b)(5), staff is assessing the penalty at \$50 a day for each day the report was late after the election and limiting the maximum assessed penalty to five times the value of the late-filed report. The assessed civil penalty is **\$5,000**.

You have a number of options in this matter:

- 1) You may pay this penalty and avoid formal Commission action by remitting payment by check or money order payable to the State of Alaska to the Alaska Public Offices Commission at the address above; or, you may pay in cash at our offices. **Payment must be made within thirty days of the date of this letter.** If you are unable to pay the entire assessed penalty in a single payment and wish to discuss a payment plan, or have any other question concerning this matter, please contact the APOC staff.

<sup>1</sup> AS 15.13.110(b).

<sup>2</sup> Stephen Duplantis, 8/15/18, Electronic Funds Transfer, \$1,000.

<sup>3</sup> AS 15.13.390(a).

<sup>4</sup> 2 AAC 50.855(a).

- 2) Alternatively, you have the right to appeal staff's conclusion that a violation has occurred or the penalty amount assessed.<sup>5</sup> **If you wish to appeal you must submit the enclosed appeal affidavit to APOC within thirty days of the date of this letter.**<sup>6</sup>

If you appeal, staff will review your affidavit and prepare a recommendation for the Commission to consider concerning the violation and the penalty amount. You will receive a copy of that recommendation and a notification of when the Commission will meet to consider the matter. When the Commission reviews the appeal and recommendation you will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting either in person or telephonically.

Failure to respond to this notice by either making arrangements for payment within thirty days or submitting an appeal within thirty days will result in staff presenting this matter to the Commission for a final order in the amount of the assessed penalty and referral to the Attorney General's Office.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your APOC file and is considered a public document. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact APOC staff.

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION



Michael F. Schwahn  
Paralegal I, Campaign Disclosure

Encl: Civil Penalty Appeal Affidavit  
2 AAC 50.865

cc: Candidate File (w/o enclosures)

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:</b> I hereby certify that on this date, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be delivered to:	
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Signature

3/19/2019  
Date

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<sup>5</sup> AS 15.13.390(a).

<sup>6</sup> 2 AAC 50.831(a).