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Semiannual Report due January 15, 2021

JANUARY 15, 2021: This notice is to remind you that your semiannual campaign finance report must be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) no later than January 15, 2021. The first day covered by this report is July 1, 2020, *or* the date your campaign treasurer appointment was filed, *or* the first day after the period covered by the last report required to be filed, as applicable. The last day covered for this report is December 31, 2020. You may start filing on January 1, 2021. You must file this report **EVEN IF YOU HAD NO ACTIVITY**. If you think you received this notice in error, [contact our office immediately](#).

ELECTRONIC FILING: The report must be filed electronically unless you qualify for the statutory exemption. To be in compliance with current requirements, you must use the campaign finance filing application found at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php. **If this is your first time filing with the application**, we suggest you view the instructional videos also available at that link. When you file electronically, if you have successfully filed your report, you will see your report listed in your "Filed Reports" grid under "Manage My Reports" in the filing application. A confirmation number will also be sent to your email. ***If your report is listed in your "In-Progress Reports" grid, your report is NOT FILED.*** Remember, you can file a report as soon as the reporting period ends, and we encourage you to file as early as possible so that if you experience any problems, we can assist you.

TIMELY FILING: A report transmitted by Internet is considered timely filed if it is successfully transmitted in the correct format by midnight, Central Time Zone, January 15, 2021. A report eligible to be filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or placed in the hands of a common or contract carrier properly addressed to the Texas Ethics Commission with postage and handling charges prepaid, in the correct format by the deadline. All paper reports must include the electronic filing exemption form, which is available on our website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php. **NOTE: The Texas Ethics Commission is closed to the public at this time. You cannot hand-deliver your paper report to the Texas Ethics Commission.**

LATE-FILING PENALTY: The minimum civil penalty for filing a late January 2021 semiannual report for those filers involved in the November 2020 general election is \$500 for the first day and \$100 for each day thereafter the report is late, up to a maximum of \$10,000. For all other filers, the minimum civil penalty is \$500.

MORATORIUM ON CONTRIBUTIONS: You may be subject to the moratorium on contributions. The 2021 regular legislative session convenes on January 12. The last day to accept political contributions before the session was December 12, 2020. The first day to accept political contributions after the session is June 21, 2021. Detailed information on persons subject to the moratorium and the moratorium restrictions is at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/moratorium2021.php.

ENDING YOUR CAMPAIGN: To learn how to end your filing responsibilities with the TEC, please visit the "Ending Your Campaign" section at www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/cf/StartEndCampaign.php.

FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE: Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php. Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, and other information that you may find useful.

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