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This letter is in response to a complaint filed by Ted Kronebush about campaign violations. To address the facts about not reporting expenses. I was unaware that if I had paid with credit card that the date had to be recorded that day. This was an honest oversight on my behalf I now know. In my line of business I record transactions the day I pay bill, when due . I do know, my treasurer had reached out early on about the CERS system about online training. She was then sent copy of one of the campaign codes. So these errors I was unaware of previously and just attended class put on by state last week in Conrad about system. We have made updates to the system once we were made aware of these errors. I want to be completely transparent about these issues. I would like to just mention that training for new individuals with this system should have more consideration taken into account. Having to wait till half way thru election cycle to get training does not seem the best method. I feel as though there should be an online virtual class, so newcomers can gain the expertise and training to help eliminate these errors and confusion. This would eliminate individuals having to wait for state to schedule training and travel across state. And as far as the issue with not filing April's report, that was taken care of back in April when notified by coop. Thanks for your time James Coombs