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This is in response to the RFAI dated April 16, 2023. In December 2023, the Shontel Brown for Congress Committee made the decision to terminate its relationship with the compliance firm that it had retained for filing reports since it was established in December 2020. The firm agreed it would complete and file the 2022 Annual report.

Effective February 1, 2023, the Committee retained the election and campaign finance law firm, McTigue & Colombo LLC, to provide campaign finance compliance and bookkeeping for the Committee going forward. Following the transition from the prior compliance firm, McTigue & Colombo, in preparation of filing the 2023 April Quarterly Report, began an internal audit of prior reports starting with the last filed by the prior firm, the 2022 Annual, to verify that reports were in balance. As a result of this internal audit, the firm found that not all expenditures for the 2022 Year End report were included on the 2022 Annual report and filed an amended report on April 11, 2023.

A large portion of the added \$48,292.86 in expenditures that were not on the original report was a single payment to the Balodis Group LLC for \$26,000. All of the missing expenditures were in December 2022 and the failure to include these expenditures on the report appears to have been due to a lack of communication by the former compliance firm and the committee's bookkeeping office during the time the firm was finishing up its work for the Committee.

All the expenditures were made following the conclusion of the 2022 election and the next election for the Committee is not until March 2024.

McTigue & Colombo is continuing to work diligently with the treasurer and committee's campaign consultant to complete the internal audit to fully balance the committee's reports with its bank account. The Committee sincerely regrets that the 2022 Annual Report did not include all expenditures and has taken measures to ensure that such mistakes do not happen in the future by consolidating the bookkeeping and reporting functions in one office and providing for redundant review of reports before filing.