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I received this notice today. This was the first notice I had that I over-contributed to Mr. Saunders campaign. I can categorically state

1. Any over-contribution was inadvertence on my part.
2. It appears from the audit that I made two contributions to Saunders' campaign and had made them with no intention of exceeding the contribution limits. I must have forgotten about the first one when I made the second.
3. My spouse, Jacqueline Tighe and I both supported Mr. Saunders. I believed that the contribution would be divided between myself and my spouse. I mistakenly thought that we were dividing the contribution between us. In or about this time my administrative assistant who had handled this type of matter for me was diagnosed with cancer and took a leave of absence. She has since sadly passed away. I am afraid that this error on my part was likely a result of the general disorganization that I experienced at that time.
4. I was never advised by the Saunders campaign team that I had made an over-contribution and fully expected that given the professional nature of Saunders' campaign that any over-contribution would have been immediately caught and brought to my attention to ensure that I had not exceeded the contribution limit. Obviously I would gladly have received a refund of any over-contribution. I had absolutely no intention of breaching any contribution rules.
5. This is the first time that I have exceeded the contribution limit in any election and that the contribution was not intended to deliberately to skirt any campaign contribution limit rules.

I would ask that in the circumstances and given the relatively small amount of the over contribution that the Compliance Audit Committee not proceed to commence any legal proceeding in regard to this matter.

I sincerely apologize for my apparent error.

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