



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
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December 23, 2020

Zachary Kovach  
Friends of Zachary Kovach  
213 us-14 byp  
Brookings, SD 57006

Dear Zachary Kovach,

November 17, 2020, our office mailed to you the Notice of Violation and Order stating that as the Treasurer of the Friends of Zachary Kovach, you are responsible under law for filing campaign finance reports. Within the Notice, it was explained that if you didn't file the required report within 35 days of November 17, 2020 and pay the civil penalty we will be terminating your committee.

**This letter stands as your notification that the committee has been terminated.**

**12-27-29.2. Order assessing penalty--Contents--Appeal--Termination of committee.**

Any civil penalty imposed pursuant to § 12-27-29.1 shall be assessed against the violator by an order of the secretary of state. The order shall state the date and facts of each violation addressed under the penalty assessed and the citations to the provisions of each law alleged to be violated. The secretary of state shall serve the order and assessment by certified mail. The order shall contain a statement that the violator may appeal the order within thirty days after receipt of the order by filing a written request for a contested case hearing with the Office of Hearing Examiners. If no contested case hearing is requested within sixty days of service by certified mail, a civil penalty constitutes a judgment and may be executed by delivery of a true and correct copy certified by the secretary of state in the manner provided for the execution of money judgments provided in chapter 15-18.

An appeal from the Office of Hearing Examiners to circuit court may be taken by the parties to the appeal and intervenors before the Office of Hearing Examiners. The appeal shall be taken and conducted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1-26. The venue of the appeal shall be in Hughes County.

If the secretary of state does not receive the payment of the penalty and the delinquent report within thirty-five days of the date of the order, the secretary of state may terminate that committee. If a committee is terminated, the secretary of state shall mail a termination letter to the last address on record for the treasurer.

Sincerely,

*Steve Barnett*

South Dakota Secretary of State