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vacation, technical difficulties were experienced in using the KDP contribution link; hence the text from Mr. Weddle to Lucas Johnson at 12:36 p.m. on December 27, 2022, stating: "We are out of the country and the website is acting funny."

Also important, is the text exchange a few minutes later concerning the contributions of Tracy Owens and Phyllis McAdams. As to those contributions, Mr. Weddle expressly states to Lucas Johnson, "I'll have to use my card and they'll give it back to me. On Tracy and Phyllis," to which Johnson responds, "Okay sounds good."

Clearly, it was not "okay" to make contributions for another person. Mr. Weddle was not aware of this fact. Despite being an elected Mayor, Mr. Weddle has never dealt with Kentucky's campaign finance laws. He self-funded his one and only race for office. More important, however, the misimpression that it was "okay" for him to make these contributions using his credit card was never corrected.

Mr. Weddle quickly learned from his conversations with Lonnie Owens at the end of 2022 and first days of January 2023 that contributions could not be made for anyone else, and upon learning that, he promptly undertook repeated efforts to have the contributions reversed and refunded. When his efforts to attain a refund dragged on too long, and from his perspective failed, he arranged a meeting with the Governor to correct the contribution problem, and promptly after that meeting, the incorrect contributions were reversed and refunded.

Before responding to the "Notice of Additional Complaint," Mr. Weddle, through counsel, conducted considerable investigation of the facts. That investigation has revealed that some participants to the events may have differing recollections of the events and conversations, or no recollection whatsoever. As a result, in responding, Mr. Weddle has relied, to the fullest extent possible, on the content of contemporaneous text messages and phone records.

Regardless, the undisputed fact remains that Mr. Weddle self-reported the mistaken contributions charged to his credit card, and he did so directly to the Governor in April. Shortly thereafter, all of the incorrect contributions were reversed and refunded.

Mr. Weddle's actions demonstrate he had no improper intent or knowledge associated with the contributions, and indeed, he even requested corrective action be taken to reverse the incorrect contributions charged to his credit card for his family