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The Honorable James Lankford, Chair
The Honorable Christopher Coons, Vice Chair
Senate Select Committee on Ethics
220 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Request for Investigation into Senate Candidate Sandy Spidel Neumann for Failing to File Personal Financial Disclosure Form

Dear Chairman Lankford and Vice Chairman Coons:

Complainant respectfully requests that the Senate Select Committee on Ethics investigate Sandy Spidel Neumann, a candidate for the United States Senate from Kansas, for failing to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Report within thirty (30) days of becoming a candidate, in violation of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 13101 *et seq.*

Title I of the Ethics in Government Act requires that, “[w]ithin 30 days of becoming a candidate . . . for nomination or election to the office of . . . Member of Congress, or on or before May 15 of that calendar year, whichever is later,” any candidate for federal office “other than an incumbent . . . Member of Congress shall file a [Financial Disclosure Report].”¹ A “candidate” is defined by statute as an individual who seeks nomination to federal office by making expenditures or receiving contributions exceeding \$5,000.²

The Ethics in Government Act authorizes the Attorney General of the United States to seek a penalty of up to \$50,000 for knowingly and willfully failing to file a Financial Disclosure Report.³ Importantly, the Act makes clear that the Senate Ethics Committee “shall refer to the Attorney General the name of any individual which [your] committee has reasonable cause to believe has willfully failed to file a report[.]”⁴ In addition, the Act imposes a mandatory civil penalty on any candidate who files a report more than 30 days after the statutory deadline.⁵

Spidel Neumann filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission on October 15, 2025.⁶ Her principal campaign committee, Sandy for Kansas, filed a Statement of

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 13103(c).

² 52 U.S.C. § 30101(2).

³ 5 U.S.C. § 13106(a)(1).

⁴ *Id.* § 13106(b).

⁵ *Id.* § 13106(d).

⁶ Fed. Election Comm’n, FEC Form 2 Statement of Candidacy (Oct. 15, 2025), <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/S6KS00262/1921666/>.

Organization with the Commission on the same day.⁷ The next day, Spidel Neuman publicly announced her Senate candidacy.⁸ Therefore, by her own admission and campaign activity, Spidel Neumann became a federal candidate no later than October 15, 2025.

The Ethics in Government Act requires that, “[w]ithin 30 days of becoming a candidate,” any “individual other than an incumbent . . . Member of Congress shall file a [Financial Disclosure Report].”⁹ In certain circumstances, candidates may request an extension of up to 90 days.¹⁰ Extension requests must be submitted on or before the applicable filing deadline.

Accordingly, federal law required Spidel Neumann to file a Financial Disclosure Report, or timely request an extension, by November 14, 2025, to provide the public an accurate assessment of her current financial status. Spidel Neumann timely filed a request for extension on November 13, resulting in an extended filing deadline of February 12, 2026.¹¹ As of February 24, 2026, **132 days after** filing a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission and nearly two weeks after her extended filing deadline, Spidel Neumann has still failed to file any report and thus appears to have breached her obligation under the law.

Each day Spidel Neumann fails to file her Personal Financial Disclosure Report is another day that Kansans are left in the dark about the financial interests relevant to Spidel Neumann’s campaign. Kansans deserve to know whether Spidel Neumann has conflicts of interest or financial entanglements relevant to her candidacy. By allowing Spidel Neumann to shirk her legal obligation and avoid disclosing her financial interests, Spidel Neumann has a competitive advantage over other candidates who comply with federal law.

Accordingly, the Senate Select Committee on Ethics should investigate Spidel Neumann’s failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure. If she has indeed failed to file the required disclosure forms by her extended filing deadline, then she should be fined and sanctioned appropriately. Moreover, your committee should investigate whether there is “reason to believe” that Spidel Neumann willfully failed to file the required report and thus ask the Attorney General of the United States to impose up to \$50,000 in civil penalties.

Sincerely,



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⁷ Fed. Election Comm’n, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization (Oct. 15, 2025), <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00923474/1921656/>.

⁸ Tim Carpenter, *Kansas Democrat Launches U.S. Senate Campaign, Criticizes GOP Incumbent Roger Marshall*, Kansas Reflector (Oct. 16, 2025), <https://kansasreflector.com/briefs/kansas-democrat-launches-u-s-senate-campaign-criticizes-gop-incumbent-marshall/>.

⁹ 5 U.S.C. § 13103(c).

¹⁰ *Id.* § 13103(g)(1).

¹¹ U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, Candidate Report for 2025 Due Date Extension 1, <https://efdsearch.senate.gov/search/view/extension-notice/regular/dfc37fa8-ab29-4d77-933f-f3fda48dcfe5/>.