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NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT

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July 14, 2015

Mr. Ernest Thomas
Ernest Thomas for Sheriff
104 Efird Blvd., Apt. 2
New Bern, NC 28562

Re: Ernest Thomas for Sheriff

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The State Board of Elections, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §163-278.34(a), is required to assess a late filing penalty at the rate of $50.00 per day, not to exceed $500.00 for a report affecting non-statewide elections or $250.00 per day, not to exceed $10,000.00 for a report affecting statewide elections. A late filing penalty of $500.00 has been assessed for the following reports:

REPORT	DATE DUE	PENALTY
2014 Third Quarter	10/27/2015	$ 500.00
2014 Fourth Quarter	01/12/2015	$ 500.00
		$1,000.00

Failure to pay or respond to this penalty will render the committee ineligible to receive or make contributions pursuant to Chapter 1.0104(d) of Title 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code until the statutory penalty is paid and all scheduled reports filed. Please remit payment to the State Board of Elections with the notation "**Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund**."

If you wish to appeal this assessment to the State Board of Elections, please respond in writing within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter. The Campaign Finance Division takes no exception to a request for an appeal to the State Board of Elections and will present your written request to waive the late penalty to the Board at an upcoming meeting. We will provide written notification of the date and time for the scheduled meeting.

If this assessment is not appealed or we do not receive the penalty amount due within 30 days from the date of this letter, it will be forwarded to the NC Attorney General's Office for collection as required by NCGS 163-278.34(e).

For further information or assistance in this matter, you may contact Nadine Lewis at this office at (919) 733-7173.

Sincerely,

Amy Strange, Deputy Director
Campaign Finance & Operations

cc: Craven County Board of Elections