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STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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RE: Complaint No. 22-146

Dear Commissioners:

This is the first time I have ever served in public office and my first time completing the *Financial Disclosure* forms. My errors are due to lack of experience rather than any intent to obfuscate my financial picture or hide a potential conflict of interest from constituents. Nevertheless, as an elected official I am responsible for following the rules for any documents I complete.

As soon as I became aware I made mistakes on my Financial Disclosure statements for 2020 & 2021, I wanted to make it right. I itemized the complaints and addressed them one by one in a written response to the Department of Ethics, accepting responsibility for my errors and defeating the incorrect accusations by complainant. I did not hide income. I did not fail to disclose ownership in any businesses or property.

I also immediately amended my Statement of Financial Interests for 2020 & 2021 with Form 1X and submitted same to the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office.

I understand this complaint could have been avoided if I had paid stricter attention to the Form 1 instructions & called the Dept of Ethics for clarification.

Sincerely,



Jennie Blackburn