

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 5/12/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-493

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Representative Terry Ralph Brown
Address: 277 Meade Rd., Colfax, LA 71417-5165
Office/Position: Representative / District 22
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 13
Years Covered: 2010-2020
Final Report: Yes: 2020

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD20003681
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/13/2020
NOD-amend Received: 1/19/2021 - Unable to Determine
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/28/2021
Amendment/Answer Filed: 2/9/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1200
Days late from receipt of NOD: 12
Total days late from initial due date: 218
Late Fee Order Received: 2/27/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 2/9/2021 and 3/3/2021

COMMENTS:

Terry R. Brown is requesting a waiver for the late filing of his 2019 Amendment. Mr. Brown stated he and his wife were out of town for an extended period, as his daughter who was giving birth to her first child. He stated the post office mail carrier signed for the letter and put it in his post office box as per their Covid-19 policy while he was away. When they returned home (weeks later) he immediately mailed the amendment. Mr. Brown stated the circumstances resulting in this fine were beyond his control, as it was the policy of the post office to sign for the letter due to Covid-19 restrictions. He stated the LFO was also signed by the mail carrier in February 2021. He stated that the policy has since been stopped because of the confusion it has caused and the BOE can verify with Mrs. Ramona Arrington the mail carrier at (318) 407-1451, whom was simply following the procedures she was instructed to do. This is Mr. Brown's first late filing and late fee assessment.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes \$60 and 360 Paid

Terry Ralph Brown
277 Meade Road
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

Ms. Ashley Wimberley
Louisiana Board Of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821


Dear Ms. Wimberley,

As per our conversation of March 1, 2021, I am writing an explanation to the Board of Ethics as to the reason why my personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2019-Amendment was returned later than the Certified letter ordered. My wife and I were staying for an extended length of time in Baton Rouge with our daughter who was expecting her first child. The certified letter was signed for by our rural mail carrier and placed in our box while we were away. When we got home weeks later, The information was sent in to the board immediately by certified mail.

It was the policy of the post office in Colfax to sign for the certified letter because of the Covid 19 virus. The second letter dated February 24, 2021 was also signed for by the rural mail carrier and not by me. This policy has since been stopped because of confusion it had caused. This can be verified by the rural carrier Mrs. Ramona Arrington. I am sending her cell phone number in case you need to verify it with her. Her number is 318-407-1451. She was simply following the procedure that she was told to do.

I am respectfully requesting that the assessment of \$1,200 be dismissed because of the circumstances that were out of my control.

Sincerely,



Terry R. Brown

March 2, 2021

Romona Arrington
Colfax Post Office
Front Street
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

Mr. Terry R. Brown
277 Meade Road
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

Dear Mr. Brown,

This is statement is to state that at the time the certified letter was delivered to you, it was the policy of the post office for the carrier to sign for the letter. This policy has since been stopped. It was started because of the covid 19 to prevent the spread of the virus.

Sincerely,



Romona Arrington
Rural Carrier

To whom it may concern,

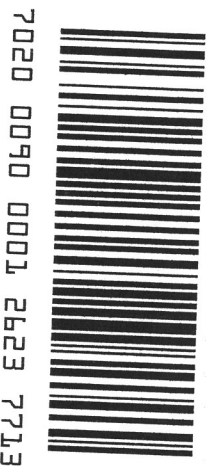
This was placed in our mail box. Due to the virus, the postman signed for it and placed it in our mail box. I did not sign for it. Our daughter had a baby and we were away from home for almost three weeks. I filled it out as soon as I received it.

Thank you.

Gerry L. Green

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279 Meade Rd
Colfax, La.
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CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70200640000017286034

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 15, 2021

Terry Ralph Brown
277 Meade Rd.
Colfax, LA 71417-5165

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND
PFD20003681**

Dear Representative Brown:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019 that was filed with this office on May 13, 2020, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

You are required to disclose the amount of income received (during calendar year 2019) from the Louisiana State House of Representatives on SCHEDULE F.

You are also required to disclose the amount of income your spouse received (during calendar year 2019) from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana on SCHEDULE F.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file an amendment to your Statement, or to submit a written Answer contesting the allegations. **Failure to file** within the 7 days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$100 per day up to a maximum of \$2,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

If you would like to view the report that was initially filed to further explain the omission and/or correction needed, you may visit our website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier
Compliance Investigator

SENDER COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Terry Ralph Brown
277 Meade Rd.
Colfax, LA 71417-5165



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9590 9402 5114 9092 0420 23

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

7020 0640 0000 1728 6034

PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

☒ Agent

☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

[Handwritten Name]

C. Date of Delivery

[Handwritten Date]

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

☐ Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

☐ No

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3. Service Type

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