

FINANCE COMMITTEE QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

United States Senate
Committee on Finance

Hearing on
Confirmation of Kathleen G. Sebelius to be
Secretary of Health and Human Services
April 2, 2009

Revised Response to Question 2 from Senator Kyl

Question 2:

There has been a lot of attention concerning your relationship with George Tiller, a doctor who has performed late term abortions in Kansas. Can you describe your relationship with Mr. Tiller? Has he ever contributed to your campaign or has your PAC ever received money from Mr. Tiller or a PAC related to Mr. Tiller? Have you ever hosted Mr. Tiller at an event during your tenure as Governor of Kansas?

Answer: I regret that there was an inadvertent omission in my previous response to this question. The oversight led to an incomplete listing of certain PAC contributions as well as contributions from Dr. Tiller's business. After further review of the records at the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, including electronic records and all available paper records dating back to 1986, I have provided an updated answer below.

I have been familiar with Dr. Tiller for many years because he lives and works in Kansas. Like many Kansans, he contributed to my campaign for Insurance Commissioner; he also contributed to the Bluestem Fund, a leadership PAC established primarily to support candidates for the Kansas Legislature.

Between 1990 and 2001, my campaign received \$11,100 from Dr. Tiller. In addition, my campaign also received \$2,250 from Mrs. Tiller, \$2,250 from Women's Health Care Services, and \$1,000 from the Pro Choice Action League, which in media reports has been associated with Dr. Tiller.

In 2000, the Bluestem Fund received \$10,000 from Dr. Tiller. In addition, between 2001 and 2002, the Bluestem Fund received \$13,000 from Women's Health Care Services. I am aware of no donations from Dr. Tiller, from any PAC related to him, from Mrs. Tiller, or from Women's Health Care Services since 2002.

Throughout the course of my career, I have donated a lunch, dinner, or reception to non-profit organizations at their annual auctions. I did so every year as Insurance Commissioner and have done so every year as Governor. In 2006, I donated a reception at Cedar Crest to the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus for their annual fundraiser, the Torch Dinner. Dr. Tiller bid on and won that auction item. As a result, an afternoon event lasting approximately one hour was held at Cedar Crest, with Dr. Tiller and his staff in attendance. All costs were reimbursed to the state.