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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 05/01/16 AND ENDING 04/30/17
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ledston Financial Advisors LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)
444 W. 47th Street, Suite 900

Kansas City MO 64112
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT
Deirdre Patten 281-419-6030
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Brown Smith Wallace, LLP

6 CityPlace Drive, Suite 900 St. Louis MO 63141
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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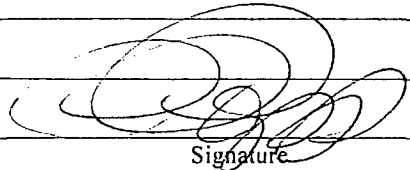
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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Pamela Popp, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC, as of April 30, 2017, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NONE


Signature

President
Title

NICOLE R. BROWNING
NOTARY PUBLIC-NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
JACKSON COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9/8/2017
COMMISSION # 13515284
Nicole R Browning
Notary Public

This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

April 30, 2017

(With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Thereon)

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors
Lockton, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC (a Missouri limited liability company, the "Company"), which comprise the balance sheet as of April 30, 2017, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements and supplemental information. Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC's management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC as of April 30, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental schedules included at pages 11 - 13 have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Brown Smith Wallace, LLP

BROWN SMITH WALLACE, LLP
St. Louis, Missouri
June 20, 2017

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Balance Sheet

April 30, 2017

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,797,816
Accounts receivable:		
Commissions and fees receivable		97,258
Producer members receivable		297,452
Prepaid expenses		4,808
Other assets		5,000
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Total assets	\$	<u>5,202,334</u>

Liabilities and Members' Equity

Producer members payable	\$	1,002,544
Accounts payable		4,794
Payable to affiliates, net		2,137,544
Accrued expenses:		
Interest		905
Other		1,748
Cancellation reserve		234,294
Producer unit purchases		18,393
Deferred revenue		23,286
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Total liabilities		3,423,508
Members' equity		1,778,826
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Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	<u>5,202,334</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2017

Revenue:		
Commissions and fees	\$	10,725,972
Contingent commissions		44,679
Interest and other income		10,884
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Total revenue		10,781,535
Expenses:		
Selling		4,271,726
General and administrative		5,176,070
Producer unit purchases		523,972
Interest expense		737
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Total operating expenses		9,972,505
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Net income	\$	809,030
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

Year ended April 30, 2017

	<u>Corporate unit</u>			
	<u>Paid-in capital</u>	<u>Retained earnings (deficit)</u>	<u>Producer units</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, April 30, 2016	\$ 510,000	(522,455)	1,887,024	1,874,569
Net income	—	809,030	—	809,030
Distributions to member	—	(1,332,723)	—	(1,332,723)
Change in producer units	—	—	427,950	427,950
Balance, April 30, 2017	<u>\$ 510,000</u>	<u>(1,046,148)</u>	<u>2,314,974</u>	<u>1,778,826</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended April 30, 2017

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 809,030
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Producer unit purchases	523,972
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Commissions and fees receivable	(18,232)
Cancellation reserve	11,067
Accounts payable	(20,206)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,409
Affiliates, net	1,748,404
Producer members receivable and payable	201,092
Accrued expenses	(37,226)
Payments for producer unit purchases	(146,460)
Deferred revenue	(45,105)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>3,030,745</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Distributions to member	<u>(1,332,723)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(1,332,723)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,698,022
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>3,099,794</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 4,797,816</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:	
Cash paid for interest	\$ 149

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2017

(1) Nature of Operations

Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC (the Company), a subsidiary of Lockton Insurance Agency, LLC (Lockton), was organized in the state of California on April 27, 2005, and reorganized to Missouri on May 1, 2016. The Company is a limited liability company approved to conduct business as a registered broker-dealer in securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company is a k(1) exemptive status stand-alone broker-dealer, operating as a limited broker-dealer on its own behalf and is enabled to conduct securities activities, which may include the sale of variable contracts and mutual funds through employee benefit plans. The Company does not maintain custody or receive customer funds or securities; customer accounts are held by plan vendors. Furthermore, the Company does not maintain a clearing arrangement with any firm and handles individual accounts on an application-way basis direct with the fund company or carrier. The Company is registered with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). This membership allows the Company to participate in a limited capacity only dealing in qualified college savings plans. In addition, the Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) and is subject to the rules and regulations of each agency.

The Company is a subsidiary of Lockton, with Lockton (Corporate Member) owning the Corporate Unit. The associates who have the primary responsibility for establishing new client relationships (Producer Members) own the Producer Units. The Producer Members derive their compensation from the profits of the Company after providing a predetermined allocation of profits to Lockton as the holder of the Corporate Unit. While the legal form of payments to Producer Members is a capital distribution, the Company reflects such payments in the statement of operations as selling expenses. Profits of the Company used to determine Producer Member compensation (Producer Profit Return) generally represent revenue less selling and general and administrative expense.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenue comprises principally of commissions paid by the plan vendors, fees paid directly by clients, and interest income. Commission revenue from plan vendors generally represents a percentage of the fair value of the plan assets held on account by the customer and is materially affected by fluctuations in the fair value of the assets in the plan. Commissions received directly from the plan vendor are recognized when fees are earned and realized or realizable. A cancellation reserve is recognized for commissions that are subject to chargeback and is estimated based on historical chargeback rates. This reserve is recorded in commissions and fees revenue on the statement of operations.

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Contingent commissions may be paid to the Company by insurance carriers based on retention of clients and the volume of business placed with or through such insurance carriers related to nonsecurities-based insurance products. Contingent commissions are recognized when earned and realized or realizable. In 2017, contingent commissions represented less than 1% of total revenue.

Fees paid directly by clients and interest income are recognized as earned and realized or realizable.

(c) *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Company considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At April 30, 2017, cash and cash equivalents consisted of a commercial checking account and a money market mutual fund.

(d) *Producer Members Receivable and Payable*

Producer Members receive advances throughout the year based upon estimated annual Producer Profit Return as defined in the Company's operating agreement. At the end of each fiscal year, each Producer Member's Producer Profit Return is adjusted to the actual amount earned based on the economic performance of the Company. This adjustment results in some Producer Members having a debit balance in their capital account as a result of an over distribution and other Producer Members having a credit balance in their capital account resulting from the actual Producer Profit Return exceeding distributions made throughout the year. These amounts due from/to Producer Members are reflected as Producer Members receivable or payable, respectively, in the balance sheet.

(e) *Income Taxes*

The Company is considered a "pass-through" entity under the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, does not pay federal corporate income taxes on its taxable income. Instead, income is reported on its members' federal income tax return. Accordingly, no income taxes have been recorded in the financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2017.

(f) *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

Under existing authoritative accounting guidance, fair value is defined as the price that the Company would receive upon selling an investment or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction to a market participant in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. At April 30, 2017, the carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities reported in the accompanying balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

Authoritative accounting guidance emphasizes that valuation techniques maximize the use of observable market inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the

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April 30, 2017

best information available in the circumstances. The Company classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy as defined by current authoritative accounting guidance:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

(3) Producer Unit Purchases

In exchange for certain restrictive covenants and other considerations from Producer Members, the Company has the option to purchase each Producer Member's Producer Unit upon his/her termination.

The agreement to purchase the Producer Members' interest is applicable to all Producer Members and valued based on 25% of the Producer Members' average annual revenue for the preceding three fiscal years and change in value of the Company for the final six months of membership.

The purchase is subject to put and call features and is only mandatory upon the death or permanent and total disability of a Producer Member. The Producer Unit meets the attributes for equity classification and, accordingly, is reported as a noncontrolling interest and displayed as a separate component of equity in the statement of changes in members' equity with the related expense recognized in the statement of operations.

Once exercised, the purchase obligation is no longer subject to the attributes of equity ownership and, thus, is reclassified from a component of equity to a liability. For the five-year period that payment of the obligation is being made, the Company and the Producer Members have agreed that such payments will be funded through a charge of 50% of the purchase obligation to the profits attributable to the Producer Members. However, as future profits of the Company are not guaranteed, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles do not allow for the establishment of a receivable from the future profits attributable to Producer Members. Consequently, despite its belief that only 50% of the cost of purchasing Producer Members' interest will be funded from profits attributed to the Corporate Unit, the Company has provided a noncontrolling interest and related expense as if it will solely fund the Producer Unit purchase.

Producer Unit activity within noncontrolling interest during the year ended April 30, 2017 is as follows:

Balance, April 30, 2016	\$	1,887,024
Producer Unit purchases		(96,022)
Producer Unit expense		523,972
Balance, April 30, 2017	\$	<u>2,314,974</u>

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April 30, 2017

The liability for Producer Unit purchases had the following activity during the year ended April 30, 2017:

	Producer Unit purchases
Balance, April 30, 2016	\$ 68,831
Producer Unit purchases	96,022
Payments	<u>(146,460)</u>
Balance, April 30, 2017	<u>\$ 18,393</u>

Because the Company intends for this purchase to be an end-of-career transaction between the Company and the Producer Member, it does not anticipate significant cash requirements in the near term. Committed future payments at April 30, 2017 resulting from terminations and retirements are as follows:

Year ending April 30:	
2018	\$ 5,215
2019	5,215
2020	3,982
2021	<u>3,981</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,393</u>

(4) Transactions with Affiliates

The Company receives administrative services from an affiliated entity. These shared services and an allocation of pooled purchases include, but are not limited to, general executive management, general legal counsel, treasury, tax, financial accounting, advertising, information technology services, subscriptions, insurance, professional services, bank fees, and various other support functions. Fees paid for these services were \$744,379 for the year ended April 30, 2017. These charges are an allocation of costs incurred by the affiliated entity and are accounted for in accordance with agreements among these parties.

The Company's Producer Members receive office accommodations, clerical services, and customer account service support from affiliated entities. These expenses totaled \$3,922,943 for the year ended April 30, 2017. These charges are an allocation of costs incurred by the affiliated entities to provide such services and are accounted for in accordance with agreements among these parties.

At April 30, 2017, the Company had a net payable to affiliates of \$2,137,544 for payments made in the ordinary course of business on behalf of the Company by its affiliates.

These transactions with affiliates are accounted for in accordance with agreements among these parties. There can be no assurance that such transactions would have occurred under the same terms and conditions with an unrelated party.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2017

(5) Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), and treated as a registered broker-dealer, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital defined as the greater of \$25,000 or a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital. As of April 30, 2017, the Company had net regulatory capital of \$1,295,710, which is \$1,067,476 in excess of required net capital.

(6) Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the balance sheet date through June 20, 2017, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined there are no other items to disclose.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1 of the
Securities and Exchange Commission

April 30, 2017

Net capital:	
Total members' equity	\$ 1,778,826
Total members' equity qualified for net capital	<u>1,778,826</u>
Add additions to net worth	—
Less nonallowable assets	<u>404,518</u>
Net capital before haircuts	1,374,308
Less haircuts and undue concentration	<u>78,598</u>
Net capital	<u>1,295,710</u>
Aggregate indebtedness	3,423,508
Percentage aggregate indebtedness to net capital	2.64%
Computation of net capital requirements:	
Minimum net capital requirements**	<u>228,234</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 1,067,476</u>

Net capital, as computed above, does not differ materially from that reported by the Company in Part IIA of the unaudited FOCUS Report on Form X-17A-5, June 19, 2017 (as amended), at April 30, 2017.

** The minimum net capital required is calculated by taking the greater of \$25,000 or 6.67% of Aggregate Indebtedness at April 30, 2017. 6.67% of Aggregate Indebtedness was calculated to be \$228,234 ($\$3,423,508 \times 6.67\% = \$228,234$).

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

Computation of Determination of Reserve Requirements
under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

April 30, 2017

This computation is not applicable to Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC, as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k)(1) at April 30, 2017.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

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Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements
under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

April 30, 2017

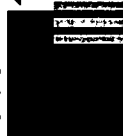
Information relating to possession or control requirements is not applicable to Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC, as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k)(1) at April 30, 2017.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION PURSUANT TO
EXEMPTION FROM 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3 (k)

APRIL 30, 2017



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors
Lockton, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (k)(1) (the "exemption provision") and (2) Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC stated that Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC met the identified exemption provisions for the year ended April 30, 2017, without exception. Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Brown Smith Wallace, LLP

BROWN SMITH WALLACE, LLP
St. Louis, Missouri
June 20, 2017



EXEMPTION REPORT

Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

1. **Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC** claimed an exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3 under the provisions in paragraph of (k) (1) throughout the fiscal year May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.
2. **Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC** met the identified exemption provisions in SEC Rule 15c3-3(k) (1) throughout the fiscal year May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 without exception.


Lockton Financial Advisors, LLC

I, Pamela A. Popp, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

Sign: _____

Date: 6/20/17

Pamela A. Popp
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