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FRANKFORT, KY – At its July 15, 2026, meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found Deborah L. DeLong, of Frankfort, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Deborah L. Delong admitted to two (2) counts in violation of the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a), (c), or (d) and KRS 11A.045. Specifically, on or about July or August of 2025, while employed as an Environmental Scientist III in the Administrative Support Section, Hazardous Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Energy and Environment Cabinet, Delong sought financial donations for family funeral expenses using the GoFundMe platform. She solicited entities regulated by the Respondent’s employer state agency by using contact information obtained from her official position.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Deborah L. Delong agreed to pay a \$ 5,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by an Agreed Final Order.

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