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Re: Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Counsel:

This letter is an Advisory Opinion Request, as to whether and in what specific respects, if any, the contemplated activity described below is governed by any of the Federal Election Campaign Act, Federal Election Commission regulations, and chapters 95 and 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Pursuant to 2 USC 437f (a) (1) and 11 CFR 112.1(b) and (c), a complete description of all facts relevant to the specific contemplated activity is as follows:

I contemplate raising funds to cover the expenses of performing two tasks: (1) identifying those citizens who do not presently have photo IDs in a number of states within the United States requiring citizens to present photo IDs to vote or to register to vote, and (2) assisting those citizens in obtaining photo IDs.

This planned activity will not be performed on behalf of any political candidate or political party or political committee, nor will I receive any funds known to me to be from, or to have been solicited by, any political candidate, party or committee or agent of any political candidate, party or committee.

Any funds raised will be applied solely to the expenses incurred in performing the two tasks identified above. The planned activity will include no activity relating to assisting such citizens in registering to vote or in going to the polls to vote. It will be limited to the two stated tasks and raising funds to cover the expenses of performing them.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin H. Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" being the most prominent part.

Martin H. Freeman