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Washington, DC 20463

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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2016-20

Dear Mr. Mlinarchik:

This letter responds to your letter received on September 29, 2016, requesting an advisory opinion. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Commission has concluded its consideration of your advisory opinion request without issuing an advisory opinion.

The Commission publicly released three draft advisory opinions in response to your request. The drafts were identified as Agenda Document No. 16-57-A (released on November 10, 2016) and Agenda Document Nos. 16-57-A-1 and 16-57-B (released on November 16, 2016). These agenda documents are available on the Commission's website, at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

At its Open Meetings of November 17, 2016 and December 1, 2016, the Commission considered but did not approve any of the draft advisory opinions. The Commission voted 3-3 on Agenda Document Nos. 16-57-A-1 and 16-57-B. The affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required to render an advisory opinion under the Federal Election Campaign Act. *See* 52 U.S.C §§ 30106(c), 30107(a)(7); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(a). Thus, the Commission was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Neven Stipanovic or Esther Gyory, attorneys in this Office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,

(signed)  
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Associate General Counsel