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RE: Advisory Opinion Request – Self-Financed Candidate Contributions

Dear Gentlemen:

Fitzgerald for Senate, Inc. is the authorized campaign committee for Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald. The committee has outstanding bank loans, guaranteed by the candidate, from the general election of 1998.

Subsequent to the 1998 general election, and prior to January 1, 2003, the candidate used personal funds to pay the interest on Fitzgerald for Senate, Inc.'s bank loans left over the 1998 campaign. The candidate, using his personal funds, paid the bank directly as the interest on the Committee's bank loan became due. These in-kind contributions, as required, have been included in contributions and expenditures reported for the 2004 election cycle.

The committee hereby requests an Advisory Opinion to determine if the continued practice of making in-kind contributions from and after January 1, 2003 to pay the interest on loans taken out to finance the 1998 campaign, would constitute an "expenditure from personal funds" under 11 CFR 400.4 for purposes of the 2004 election cycle.

Sincerely,

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