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RE: AOR 2003-22

Texas Bankers Association writes in support of the above referenced Advisory Opinion Request (AOR). Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, submitted this AOR on June 23 on behalf of the American Bankers Association, regarding the ability of executives of member corporations to collect and forward contributions for trade association Political Action Committees (PACs).

The Texas Bankers Association wants its member corporations to assist in PAC solicitations by having their executives solicit their fellow executive and administrative personnel at the company and then collect and forward those contribution checks to TBA BankPac. These contribution checks will be made payable directly to the TBA BankPac, and any written solicitations will contain the disclaimers required by FEC rules.

We urge you to confirm that this practice is permissible under FECA and FEC rules. Please call with any questions regarding this letter or if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Fredrick M. Smith
President