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Mr. Paul Streitz  
Streitz for U.S. Senate 2004  
P.O. Box 2360  
Darien, CT 06820

Re: AOR 2004-11

Dear Mr. Streitz:

This is in reply to your letters dated March 1, 2004, and March 22, 2004, concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the receipt of appearance fees by a Federal candidate for talks concerning a book he has authored.

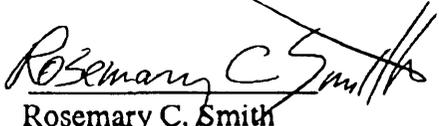
By electronic mail dated May 13, 2004, you informed the Office of General Counsel that you are no longer running for the U.S. Senate. According to the Act and Commission regulations, a request posing a hypothetical situation does not qualify as an advisory opinion request. *See* 2 U.S.C. 437f(a); 11 CFR 112.1(b). Based on the specific situation presented by you, it appears that your letters no longer satisfy the requirements of the Act and Commission regulations for an advisory opinion request. The consideration of AOR 2004-11 is therefore concluded.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the advisory opinion process please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

By:

  
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