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Re: AOR 1997-2

Dear Mr. Litchfield:

This letter responds to your queries regarding the Bipartisan Retreat which is the subject of the above-captioned Advisory Opinion Request.

1. With respect to the "select staff" referenced in the Request, please be advised that currently they number 18-20 congressional staffers, primarily from Republican and Democratic House Leadership offices. They will attend and help facilitate the Retreat. They will not be charged a fee and will not be accompanied by spouses or family.

2. With respect to "attendance fees and travel expenses," to the extent any Member uses excess campaign funds to defray such expenses it will be only for the Member and his or her spouse and family.

3. With respect to the nature of the "travel expenses," they will fall into two categories. First, some Members' spouses and families do not reside in the Washington, D.C. area. Accordingly, such participants would have to travel to Washington and thereby incur expenses. Second, some Members and/or their families might travel directly to Hershey, Pa. Such participants would also incur travel expenses. The vast majority of participants, however, are expected to utilize the transportation that will be provided by the sponsors of the Bipartisan Retreat from Washington to Hershey and return.

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4. With respect to the "children's program," please be advised that Hershey Park regularly provides children's programs for families of conference attendees. In addition, the Bipartisan Retreat will have a special dinner on the second and last evening of this event for all Members, spouses, and children.

I trust that this information addresses your needs. If there are any further questions, please contact me or Mr. Robert F. Bauer.

Sincerely,



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cc: Robert F. Bauer, Esq.