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Dear Sir:

This is an advisory opinion request pursuant to 11 CFR 112.1. I want to know if I can make a contribution to the **cohenforcongress.org** committee. It is registered with the FEC. Mr. Cohen is a candidate for the US house in the 2000 election.

I have tendered a check from a living trust to the campaign. The beneficiary, trustee and trustor are all the same living person -- Andrea Ellis -- me. I rolled all my assets into the living trust. I pay all household and other expenses out of that account. The trust is not a corporation. I signed a written agreement to create this trust. It is not a tax shelter. No one has access to the funds other than me. No one is authorized to write a check other than me. This is not a testamentary trust.

I and the committee propose that the contribution be attributed to me personally and to my personal contribution limit. I want this to be my contribution to the committee. I do not intend to have the trust have a separate contribution limit. More and more people are using living trusts. Therefore, I believe this will become a more common question. Would you please sent your opinion to me and to the **cohenforcongress.org** committee?
Thank you.

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Sincerely,



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