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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request the issuance of an Advisory Opinion by the Commission.

The Ballot Composition method of determining the allocation of shared federal and non-federal expenses may produce a valid percentage for all states in the United States, except Nebraska. Nebraska is the only state in the United States with a one-body legislature. When determining the ratio for allocation of federal and non-federal funds for payment of expenses, all other states get two points because of their two-house lawmaking bodies. The Nebraska legislature serves as both the senate and representative body. The Nebraska State Political Parties spend as much time, energy and money on our legislative races as other states because of the significance of this one body. Each vote for legislature, in effect, counts as two. By only allowing Nebraska State Parties one point for the one legislative body, the value of the vote cast by a Nebraska voter is diminished.

The Advisory Opinion that we are requesting would allow the State Party organizations in Nebraska to get two non-federal points in each election cycle since one-half of this body is up for election in each cycle. By allowing the State Parties in Nebraska to get two points, the federal portion of the current allocation would go from 50% federal to 43% federal. This could make a significant difference as we go through the remainder of this election cycle.

Thank you for your consideration to this request. If you have further questions, please give me a call at (402) 434-2180.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ann Boyle
State Chairwoman