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Federal Election Commission
ATTN: Ms. Rosemary Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith,

I am writing to formally request from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) an advisory opinion that cites any issues, if any, with the situation explained below.

Congresswoman Mary Bono (CA-45) was recently invited by the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority to become their official spokesperson. As spokesperson, the Congresswoman's only responsibility would require being the host of a 30 minute tourist infomercial where she will be on camera and conduct the voice-over portions of the infomercial.

- 1) The Congresswoman WILL NOT receive any financial compensation for her participation.
- 2) Because the Palm Springs tourism infomercial is geared at luring tourism from outside the Palm Springs desert communities, the infomercial WILL NOT air or be shown in any portion of the 45th Congressional district during the eight-month long campaign beginning in October 2006.

Given the two aforementioned items, please response with an advisory opinion as to whether the Congresswoman's participation could violate any election laws.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 202-226-5365.

Sincerely,

Jason Vasquez
Communications Director

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