



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:                   The Commission  
                          Staff Director  
                          Acting General Counsel  
                          FEC Press Office  
                          FEC Public Disclosure**

**FROM:               Office of the Commission Secretary**

**DATE:               August 30, 2011**

**SUBJECT:           Comment on Draft AO 2011-15  
                          (Abdul Karim Hassan, Esq.)**

**Transmitted herewith is a timely submitted comment from Maureen Gerrish regarding the above-captioned matter.**

**Draft Advisory Opinion 2011-15 is on the agenda for September 1, 2011.**

**Attachment**

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***If the FEC is to sustain any semblance of legitimacy in the public's eyes, these advisory opinions must not be adopted. Your perceived inappropriateness of determining in the first instance an individual's ability to even be considered a candidate for that office is outweighed by 'the governmental interests against the use of public money to foster frivolous candidacies' (phrase found in Supreme Court's conclusion of the case Buckley v. Valeo 1976).***

***The Commission's conclusion that Mr. Hassan is a "candidate" for purposes of the Act directly fosters frivolous candidacies using public money, as public money will be used to insure compliance with the Act's 18 provisions regarding expenditures, contributions, record keeping and reporting. For your commission to utilize our public money in this way is an outrage and outright fraud. Your duty is to help insure open & fair elections not to perpetuate fraud on the voting public.***

**Sincerely,**

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