



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary 

DATE: July 25, 2012

SUBJECT: *Ex Parte* Communication Regarding
AOR 2012-26 (m-Qube, Inc., ArmourMedia,
Inc. and Cooper for Congress Committee)

The attached *ex parte* communication from Vice Chair Weintraub is circulated for your information.

Attachment



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Memorandum

TO: Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission

FROM: Vice Chair Ellen L. Weintraub *ELW*

DATE: July 24, 2012

RE: *Ex parte* communication

On Monday, July 23, 2012, I received an *ex parte* communication from Robert F. Bauer with respect to the Advisory Opinion Request from M-Qube, Inc., Armour Media, Inc., and Cooper for Congress Committee regarding contributions via text messaging. Mr. Bauer called me to express his hope that the Commission would be able to provide clear and expeditious guidance in response to this request. He stated his concern that if the Commission did not respond quickly, the requestors and those similarly situated would not be able to implement our guidance in time for political committees to avail themselves of the opportunities for contributions via text messaging in this election cycle. I stated that since the request had not yet been finalized, I had not yet fully studied it, and we did not discuss the details of the request or the substance of any proposed response. With respect to timing, I stated that it was my understanding that the request would require a response within 20 days of its completion (pursuant to 2 USC 437f(a)(2), although we did not mention the citation), and that I was confident that the Commission would make every effort to meet that deadline. I further explained that if the Commission could not complete its consideration and vote on an answer at the one public meeting currently scheduled within that 20-day window, on August 2, we could still issue a timely response by approving an answer on a tally vote.

Please place this summary in the public file of this advisory opinion, pursuant to 11 CFR 201.4(a).

Thank you.