

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

September 12, 2013

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Martin Long Martin Long for Congress 30 Mill Street, Suite 204 Arlington, MA 02476

RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2013-14

Dear Mr. Long:

This letter responds to your letter dated August 30, 2013, requesting an advisory opinion. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Commission has concluded its consideration of your advisory opinion request without issuing an advisory opinion.

The Commission released one public draft of an advisory opinion in response to your request. On September 10, 2013, the Commission released for public comment Agenda Document No. 13-40, containing the draft.

At its Open Meeting of September 12, 2013, the Commission considered but did not approve the draft. Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required for the Commission to render an advisory opinion. *See 2* U.S.C §§ 437c(c), 437d(a)(7); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(a). The Commission voted 3-2 on Agenda Document No. 13-40. Thus, the Commission was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

Agenda Document No. 13-40 is enclosed for your information and convenience. Please keep in mind that the document is not an advisory opinion under the Federal Election Campaign Act, because the document was not approved by the affirmative vote of at least four Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Waldstreicher, an attorney in this Office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,

(signed) Adav Noti Acting Associate General Counsel

Enclosure