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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2013-17

Dear Messrs. Backer and Kamenar:

This letter responds to your letter dated September 16, 2013 requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of Tea Party Leadership Fund. 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.

On November 15, 2013, the Commission released for public comment Agenda Document No. 13-47, containing two alternative draft advisory opinions in response to your request. This agenda document is available on the Commission's website.

At its Open Meeting of November 21, 2013, the Commission considered but did not approve either draft advisory opinion. 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 2-3 on Agenda Document No. 13-47 (Draft A) and voted 3-2 on Agenda Document No. 13-47 (Draft B). Thus, the Commission was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

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

Sincerely,

(signed)
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