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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2016-23

Dear Messrs. Krinsky and Frank:

This letter responds to your letter dated November 14, 2016, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee, and committees supporting candidates of the Socialist Workers Party. 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 three public drafts of advisory opinions in response to your request. These documents are available on the Commission's website. Under the Federal Election Campaign Act, the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required for the Commission to render an advisory opinion. See 52 U.S.C §§ 30106(c), 30107(a)(7); see also 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(b). The Commission did not approve any response with the required four affirmative votes and thus was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Waldstreicher or Cheryl Hemsley, attorneys in this Office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,

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