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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2018-08

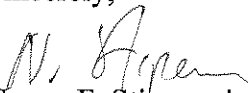
Dear Messrs. Bell and Martin:

This letter responds to your letter of May 23, 2018 and email of June 5, 2018, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of Congressman Darrell Issa. 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 a public draft of an advisory opinion in response to your request. This document is 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 Joseph P. Wenzinger, an attorney in this office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,


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