



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

September 4, 2020

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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2020-04

Dear Ms. Farr:

This letter responds to your letter received via email on July 8, 2020, and your email received on August 6, 2020, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of yourself and Joan Farr for U.S. Senate. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Commission was unable to render an advisory opinion in this matter.

The affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required to render an advisory opinion under the Federal Election Campaign Act. *See* 52 U.S.C §§ 30106(c), 30107(a)(7); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(a). The Commission currently lacks a quorum of four Commissioners to take action on advisory opinion requests.

Within 60 calendar days after receiving a complete advisory opinion request, the Commission must either issue an advisory opinion or a written response stating that the Commission was unable to approve an advisory opinion by the required affirmative vote of four Commissioners. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30108(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(a), (c). The request you submitted qualified as a complete advisory opinion request on July 8, 2020, and September 4, 2020 is the 60-day deadline. On July 10, 2020, you informed this office that you elected not to grant the Commission an extension of the 60-day deadline. You reaffirmed this decision on August 25, 2020. Accordingly, because the Commission currently lacks a quorum of Commissioners, the Commission was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Esther Gyory or Tony Buckley, attorneys in this Office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,

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