

To:
NAME of Regulatory Body
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Re: Advisory Opinion Request

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [NAME] and I am a current [Campaign or Legislative Title] in the [X District of STATE]. I am writing to request an advisory opinion on the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses directly related to both campaign activity and legislative duties.

Question Presented

Are caregiving expenses – defined as direct care, protection, and supervision of a child or other person with a disability or a medical condition for which a candidate has direct caregiving responsibility – incurred as a direct result of campaign activity and holding public office deemed a permissible campaign expenditure in the state of [STATE]?

Analysis

Under federal guidelines, as cited in [AO 2018-06](#), candidates for federal office may use campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses, “to the extent such expenses are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.” Childcare costs are considered a permissible expense at the federal level if the care expenditures would not otherwise exist if not for the campaign. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) clarified in 2024 that this allowance extends to broader dependent care expenses directly related to campaign activities.

Under current [STATE] state law, it is unclear whether childcare expenses incurred as a direct result of candidacy or public office are considered permissible expenditures.

[Insert current state campaign finance law regarding permissible expenditures for state and local candidates]

I respectfully request that the [STATE Commission / Attorney General / Secretary of State] issue an advisory opinion clarifying whether dependent care expenses incurred in connection with running for or holding public office in [STATE] are considered personal use or permissible campaign expenditures under [STATE] law.

If you have any questions or need additional information in connection with this Advisory Opinion Request, please contact me at [EMAIL].

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Campaign or Legislative Title]

[Signature]