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Honorable Thaddeus C. Stopczynski
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Stopczynski:

This is in response to your letter in which you state your desire to award a \$100.00 scholarship to a 1978 high school graduate from your legislative district. The specific question you present is whether the scholarship may be funded from monies held by your candidate committee.

Section 6 of P.A. 388 of 1976 (MCLA § 169.206) defines "expenditure" as "a payment, donation, loan, pledge, or promise of payment of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value for goods, materials, services, or facilities in assistance of, or in opposition to, the nomination or election of a candidate..." Section 3 of the Act (MCLA § 169.203) provides that an elected officeholder is a candidate for reelection to the same office.

As an incumbent State Representative, you are considered a candidate under the provisions of the Act. As such, your candidate committee is authorized to make expenditures in assistance of your renomination and reelection to office. If you construe the awarding of a scholarship to a 1978 high school graduate as assisting your renomination and reelection, the scholarship may be funded from monies held by your candidate committee.

This response may be considered as informational only and not as constituting a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip T. Frangos".

Phillip T. Frangos, Director
Office of Hearings and Legislation

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