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Timothy A. Bassett
State Representative
Committee on Commerce & Labor
Room 43
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Bassett:

You have recently inquired as to whether it would be permissible under G.L. c. 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law, for your political committee to make a contribution to a charitable trust fund established for the daughter of a recently murdered Legislative Assistant.

G.L. c. 55, § 6, provides in relevant part that "Any other political committee, duly organized, may receive, pay and expend money or other things of value for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate or principle, for which the committee was organized so long as such expenditure is not primarily for the candidate's or any other person's personal use..."

In my opinion, c. 55 would permit such an expenditure of reasonable value, if its purpose is to enhance your political future, in that you will receive publicity and create goodwill as a result of making the contribution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dennis J. Duffin".

Dennis J. Duffin
Director

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