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Commissioner John Hopkins, Chair Oklahoma Ethics Commission 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., G-27 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Commissioner Hawkins,

I am writing to request an advisory opinion regarding the expenditure of candidate committee funds obligated for officeholder expenses and the expenditure of surplus funds as they relate to the mandatory dissolution of a candidate campaign committee.

Specifically, I am requesting an opinion construing how the provision in Rule 2.48, with regard to how surplus funds are determined in the first paragraph and the transfer of surplus funds to the state's general revenue fund in last paragraph "within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the term to which the candidate was elected..." works with the mandatory dissolution procedure detailed in Rule 2.116 which falls on a date before the term of the elected official ends.

According to rule 2.48, surplus funds arise after campaign expenses or office holder expenses are determined which, in the case of an elected official, cannot be determined until their term ends. Rule 2.116 sets a mandatory dissolution date before elected officials' terms end and before final office holder expenses can be determined. In the case of an elected official, surplus funds are unknown until after all officeholder expenses have been obligated.

I appreciate the consideration of this request and will be happy to elaborate on my concerns regarding the rules on mandatory committee dissolution and their application to elected office holders.

Stephania A Hoskin

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Treasurer, Friends of Chuck Hoskin

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