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Response to Request for Additional Information (RFAI)

Dear Ms. Grainger,

This letter responds to Item 1 of the Commission's Request for Additional Information regarding candidate salary payments made before the filing of my Statement of Candidacy on October 13, 2025.

At the time these payments were made, the committee retained a campaign finance compliance firm. I relied on that firm to advise me regarding the timing and calculation of candidate salary payments and believed all required filings had been properly handled. I was not advised that candidate salary could not begin until the filing of the Statement of Candidacy on October 13, 2025.

After becoming aware of this issue and changing compliance firms, I recalculated the maximum permissible candidate salary beginning on October 13, 2025, rather than from the beginning of the reporting period. Based on my earned income and applicable candidate salary rules, this reduced the maximum amount that could properly be paid during the period beginning October 13. The committee then limited candidate salary payments accordingly. As reflected in the committee's reports, I received \$5,993 in candidate salary for the quarter, substantially less than the \$9,840 that would have been permissible for the quarter beginning on October 13. In other words, the committee already corrected the issue by reducing the total salary paid so that the amount ultimately received remained below the allowable maximum calculated from the proper eligibility date.

Since that time, the committee has continued to pay candidate salary conservatively, and I have consistently received less than the maximum amount permitted.

Because the committee's corrective action ensured that the aggregate candidate salary remained below the amount permitted after October 13, 2025, the committee believes the matter has already been remedied. Accordingly, the committee does not intend to seek an additional reimbursement, as doing so would result in compensation below the amount otherwise permitted under the regulations.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if any additional information would assist your review.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Chiaradio