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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
FRIENDS OF CLIFF STEARNS

FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
C00229377

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SILVER SPRINGS	FL	34489

Nataliya Ioffe
Chief, Authorized Branch
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission

August 7, 2019

Dear Ms. Ioffe:

This responds to your Request for Additional Information ("RFAI"), dated July 21, 2019 regarding Friends of Cliff Stearns? (the ?Committee?) October Quarterly Report and Year-End Report. We assume that your inquires are prompted by the pressure connected from reports surrounding so-called ?zombie campaigns,? but that is not the instance here.

(1)Representative Stearns has not made a decision regarding whether he will run again in the future but reserves the right to seek election to a federal office at a future time. His successor for his congressional seat has indicated that he may self-impose a term limit, and under recent judicial reapportionment, a large section of Representative Stearns? hometown is now part of his successor?s congressional district. If Representative Stearns chooses not to run again in 2020 or in the future, the Committee intends to donate the funds to a non-profit foundation and/or donate the funds to charities in the District and then terminate. However, until such time, and anticipation of running again, Representative Stearns has a right to keep the Committee open.

(2)None of the identified disbursements constitute personal use, and instead are permissible disbursements under the law. In an expensive and costly enforcement process, the Commission already evaluated whether these expenses were personal use and found they were not.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Spies, Attorney
On behalf of Joan Stearns, Treasurer