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Advisory Opinion Request:
Redesignating General Election Contributions to Recount Fund

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to request an Advisory Opinion on behalf of U.S. Representative Bob Good and his principal campaign committee, Good for Congress.

Rep. Good was a candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia in a Primary Election held on June 18, 2024. Based on the results of that election, it is likely that Rep. Good will request a recount. If he does, Good for Congress will incur expenses related to that effort, including but not limited to legal fees, recount costs, and continued political staffing. To that end, Good for Congress is creating a Recount Fund.

As of the date of this letter, Good for Congress has expended nearly if not all of its Primary Election funding, but remains in possession of numerous contributions designated for the upcoming November General Election. Accordingly, I write to ask if Good for Congress can seek permission from its General Election contributors to redesignate their contributions from the General Election to its Recount Fund, and then redesignate funds from those contributors who grant such permission.

I understand that, under certain circumstances, the law permits a campaign committee to redesignate contributions from one election to another. 11 C.F.R. 110.1(b)(5). Granting this advisory opinion request would be consistent with the intent and spirit of the law, in that it would be a great convenience and efficiency to both Good for Congress and its contributors, and would not cause any contributor to exceed his or her applicable per-election limit. It also would be in keeping with the Commission's reasonable and flexible approach to redesignations involving

recount funds, along the lines of Advisory Opinion 2010-18, in which the Commission allowed a party committee to carry excess recount funds forward for future elections or to redesignate them into its federal account.

I want to emphasize that, if the Commission grants this request, Good for Congress would follow all applicable procedures and requirements for redesignations, including requesting redesignation from each contributor in writing, informing each contributor of his or her right to receive a refund instead of redesigning, and completing all redesignations within 60 days of the date of the Primary Election as provided in Advisory Opinion 1992-15.

Lastly, although this request does not pertain to an upcoming election, it does concern a significant and time-sensitive matter. Therefore, I respectfully ask for a response to this request within 30 days, so that Good for Congress may complete the redesignation process within 60 days of the Primary Election date and redesignate the funds in time to expend them in connection with the impending recount.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email me at david@dolangroup.org.

Sincerely,



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Treasurer

Good for Congress