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Dear Jim:

I see that you will be asking the court to interpret the ethics statutes regarding the Commission's confusion as to whether they may only require the disclosure of a gift of a check (a piece of paper), or if it is implicitly implied that the disclosure must contain the amount of such a check.

You may not be aware that I served on the conference committee on the original ethics bill in 1991. I would be more than willing to state unequivocally that the intent of the statute was certainly to require that the "piece of paper" which was the gift be identified by disclosing the amount. I find it hard to imagine that any member of the legislature at the time would have concluded such would not be the case.

I wish you well in this endeavor.

Yours very truly,



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