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Steven T. Walther, Chairman Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 2017 JUN 29 PM 5: 44

Dear Chairman Walther:

Thank you for your response to my letter dated June 17, 2017 requesting guidance and clarification from the FEC regarding the utilization of campaign funds to procure private security systems for the residences of Members of Congress.

In order to expedite this matter and to properly submit my request to the FEC at its July 13, 2017 meeting, I would ask that you consider my letter an official request for an advisory opinion as to whether, consistent with the Federal Election Campaign Act, a Member of Congress may use campaign funds to purchase a home security system which does not make structural improvements to the home and to pay for the monitoring thereof.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss this matter in detail, please feel free to contact me at (202) 225-2456, or at pirving@mail.house.gov.

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cc: The Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader
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