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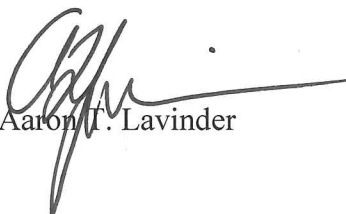
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Re: Conflict of Interest Opinion

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing this letter in response to your request for an advisory opinion regarding a political contribution made to Paul Mahoney's campaign. As I understand the provisions of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, a Commonwealth's Attorney may only render advisory opinions to local governing bodies, local officers, or local employees. Therefore, I do not believe that I can render an advisory opinion at your request.

Sincerely,



Aaron T. Lavinder

cc: Peter Lubeck, Acting County Attorney