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James Klahr
Executive Director

August 15, 2016

Kurt Schaefer
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Re: MEC No. 16-0046-I

Dear Senator Schaefer:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its August 12, 2016 meeting. The complaint alleged you used your official position as State Senator for personal gain in contacting University of Missouri officials regarding its employee leave policies. The allegation asserts that these contacts were intended to impact the candidacy of Josh Hawley, a candidate for Attorney General who was also employed at the University of Missouri and running in the August 2, 2016 Republican primary against you.

The investigation of the complaint determined that, while you did have conversations with officials at the University of Missouri regarding its leave policies, there was no evidence that those conversations were had with the intent or effect to personally benefit you or your family, or with the intent or effect on the performance of your duties as a public official. As a result, those conversations did not trigger the provisions in Section 105.452, RSMo, relating to conflicts of interest nor other Missouri statutes alleged by the complainant.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of law and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director