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At the July 16, 1996 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Is it permissible to include the candidate's address, in an independent mailing, in order to return a sign-up card (for mailings, yard signs, etc.), or should a statement be made suggesting, "Further information may be obtained by contacting . . .?"

From the facts presented in your letter, the Commission stated that it is permissible to include such information so long as the candidate did not direct or control the mailing, and as long as the candidate did not cooperate with or consent to, either directly or indirectly, expressly or implicitly, the mailing. If the candidate was involved in any of these ways, such action would make these expenditures in-kind contributions and they would need to be reported as such by the candidate and/or the candidate's committee(s).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Charles G. Lamb
(Acting) Administrative Secretary

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