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Andrew S. Natsios  
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Dear Mr. Natsios:

This letter is in response to your recent request for an advisory opinion.

You currently have a non-depository committee registered with this office. Funds are held in the account of such committee. You wish to use a portion of such funds to aid in your re-election to the Republican State Committee. You state that the campaign is important to your political career because it would allow you to keep your name before the public, and if re-elected, before the Republican party organization in Massachusetts. You would plan to seek nomination from the party for any public office for which you would choose to run. A seat on the governing body of the party would therefore enhance the prospects of your nomination for a future office.

M.G.L. c.55 §6 states "[a]ny...political committee duly organized, may ... pay and expend money ... for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate ... for which the committee was organized so long as such expenditure is not primarily for the candidate's ... personal use".

It is the opinion of this office that expenditures by a non-depository candidate's committee for a campaign by the candidate for election to the committee of a state political party would be permitted under M.G.L. c.55 as expenditures for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate.

This opinion does not address the issue of whether a candidate's committee would be permitted under M.G.L. c.55 to solicit contributions specifically for the candidate's election to the committee of a state political party.

If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis J. Duffin".

Dennis J. Duffin  
Director

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