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RE: *Advisory Opinion Request*

Dear Honorable Board Members,

The Louisiana Election Code does not explicitly allow for childcare expenses to be paid out of campaign funds, so I am requesting an opinion to find out what circumstances, if any, may childcare expenses be paid out of campaign funds. I am currently not a candidate for any political office, but I would like to be in the 2019 state election. Therefore, I request an Advisory Opinion as to whether childcare expenses that would not exist irrespective of candidacy are an allowable expenditure.

Facts related to the request:

My husband and I work fulltime. We have two young children: ages six and one-and-a-half. During the regular work week, our children are enrolled in kindergarten (with aftercare) and daycare, respectively, from roughly 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. As a result, the evening and weekend hours of childcare needs, as well as times that would not exist but for the campaign, are the subject of this request. When my husband is available he will be responsible for watching our children during the campaign, but because of his work demands and frequent travel, he will not always be available. Additionally, there are times when I may benefit from my husband's attendance at campaign events. Childcare will be required during these situations and since we do not have family that live nearby, additional childcare expenses will be incurred. As a future candidate, I would appreciate the board's guidance on this issue.

Sincerely,



Morgan Lamandre

