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Mr. Darrell P. Ourso  
17922 Green Willow Drive  
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RE: Ethics Board Docket No. 2000-437

Dear Mr. Ourso:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, acting as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, at its June 15, 2000 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning the propriety of using campaign funds to pay for childcare (babysitting) expenses. You stated that you are an elected member of the East Baton Rouge Metro Council and have two young children. You asked whether you could pay such expenses in three different scenarios: (1) to attend a fundraiser supporting your own candidacy, (2) to attend a fundraiser for another candidate, and (3) to attend a social engagement for a community event, your appearance at which enhances your candidacy.

The Board concluded, after reviewing the provisions of R.S. 18:1505.21, that the childcare expenses you described may be paid from campaign funds since they are related to your campaign. However, the childcare provider may not be your spouse or minor child.

If you have further questions, please call me at (225) 922-1400.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maris LeBlanc McCrory".

Maris LeBlanc McCrory  
For the Board

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