

April 27, 2016

**Via E-Mail and Regular Mail**

Ms. Johanna Harris  
P.O. Box 9483  
Providence, RI 02940

**Re: Petition under R.I.G.L. § 42-35-6 and R.I. Ethics Commission Regulation 1026**

Dear Ms. Harris:

I write to you in my capacity as independent legal counsel to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. As you are aware, on April 26, 2016, the Ethics Commission considered your petition to initiate rule-making in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. After due consideration of the issue, the Commission voted unanimously to deny your petition based on its finding that there is no present need to amend R.I.G.L. § 36-14-16(a)(5).

Yours truly,



Edmund L. Alves, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Kent Willever, Executive Director/via e-mail and regular mail