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Arkansas Ethics Commission
501 Woodlane St. #301N
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Attorney General Leslie Rutledge

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-6-203(a)(1)(B), it is unlawful for a candidate to take a contribution from any person or entity other than those listed in section 203(a)(1)(A). As is relevant here, that list includes an “*approved* political action committee.” Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203(a)(1)(A)(vi) (emphasis added).

Arkansas law defines an “approved political action committee,” in pertinent part, as a person who “registers pursuant to § 7-6-215 *prior* to making contributions.” Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-201(1)(A)(iii) (emphasis added).

On May 21, 2018, Attorney General Leslie Rutledge received a \$2,700 contribution from the “Republican Attorneys General Association Arkansas PAC.” *See* Rutledge CC&E, filed July 2, 2018 (Exhibit A). For that contribution to be legal, the PAC would have to have been registered prior to making that contribution. However, the “Republican Attorneys General Association Arkansas PAC” did not “register pursuant to § 7-6-215” until May 29, 2018. *See* PAC Registration Documents (Exhibit B).

The May 21, 2018 contribution of \$2,700 to Leslie Rutledge by the Republican Attorneys General Association Arkansas PAC was illegal on its face, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-6-203(a)(1)(B). Moreover, as someone charged with knowing and upholding the laws of this state, the acceptance of a contribution from an unapproved political action committee would also appear to be a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-6-202.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Campbell

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