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John Rawski Staff Advisory Attorney Ohio Ethics Commission 30 West Spring Street, L-3 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Follow-up to Your Advisory Opinion of May 1, 2015

Dear Mr. Rawski:

Thank you for your letter dated May 1, 2015, which rendered an advisory opinion on the questions I raised in my letter to Mr. Nick of April 24, 2015. In the conclusion to your letter you encourage follow-up questions to be directed to your office. My remaining questions are as follows:

- (a) If the councilmember's law partner resigns from the Lakewood Hospital Association board of trustees, and the associate attorney in the councilmember's law firm resigns from the Lakewood Hospital Foundation board of trustees, would the conflict identified in your summary paragraph No. 2 cease at the moment they resign?
- (b) If the mayor's wife resigns from the Lakewood Hospital Foundation board of trustees, would the conflict identified in your summary paragraph No. 3 cease at the moment she resigns?
- (c) In my April 24 letter, I asked whether a member of council can deliberate or vote on a matter involving a non-profit foundation, while he is a partner at a law firm which advises the foundation on items unrelated to the matter in question, and where the foundation has separate independent counsel advising it on the matter in question. I was unable to find a response in your May 1 letter specific to that issue and was hoping you might provide one.

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Thank you once again for your valuable assistance with these matters.

Very truly yours,

Kevin M. Butler

cc: Paul M. Nick, Executive Director