



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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TO: Lobbyists, Candidate Committees, and Members of the Public

FROM: Wisconsin Ethics Commission

SUBJECT: Lobbyist Personal Contributions to Candidates for Partisan Non-Legislative Office:
“Allowable Contribution Window”

Friday, April 15, 2022, was the first day for the circulation of nomination papers for candidates at the 2022 general election.

[Wis. STAT. § 13.625\(1m\)\(b\)](#) states:

Prohibited Practices

(1m)(b) *A lobbyist may make a personal contribution to a partisan elective state official or candidate for partisan elective state office or to the candidate committee of the official or candidate between the first day authorized by law for the circulation of nomination papers as a candidate at a general election or special election and the day of the general election or special election, except that:*

- 1. A contribution to a candidate for legislative office may be made during that period only if the legislature has concluded its final floorperiod, and is not in special or extraordinary session.*
- 2. A contribution by a lobbyist to the lobbyist's candidate committee for partisan elective state office may be made at any time.*

Therefore, lobbyists are now permitted to make personal contributions to candidates for **non-legislative** partisan state offices. The “window” will close on November 8, 2022.

Please note that the “window” remains closed for making personal contributions to candidates for legislative office and candidates for partisan state office who currently hold legislative office. Lobbyists are not permitted to make personal contributions to candidates for legislative office until the Legislature has concluded its final floorperiod and is not in special or extraordinary session. The final floorperiod is the veto review floorperiod scheduled for May 17-18, 2022. The Ethics Commission will send notification as soon as the “window” for making contributions to legislators and legislative candidates opens.

Lobbyists and candidate committees should take special care to ensure that all contributions are sent and reported received in a timely manner so that campaign reports are as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ethics Commission.

Sincerely,

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