



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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

FROM: Wisconsin Ethics Commission

SUBJECT: Reopening of “Window” for Personal Contributions by Lobbyists to Candidates for Legislative Office

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, the Legislature concluded the Special Session called by Governor Evers in [Executive Order #175](#).

[WIS. STAT. § 13.625\(1m\)\(b\)](#) provides in relevant part:

***13.625 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.*

As the Legislature is no longer in special session, lobbyists are once again permitted to make personal contributions to candidates for legislative office. Please note that, if the Legislature convenes for an additional special or extraordinary session between now and the General Election, the “window” will close for that special or extraordinary session. The “window” for the 2022 election cycle will close on November 8, 2022. The Ethics Commission’s staff will promptly notify you of future openings and closings of the “window.”

Lobbyists, candidate committees, and conduits 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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