



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
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July 30, 2013

Rep. Dale J. Crafts
2 Passing Lane
Lisbon Falls, ME 04252

RE: Commission Determination on Request for Investigation

Dear Representative Crafts,

Thank you for attending the Commission meeting yesterday, July 29, 2013. I apologize that the length of the meeting kept you from testifying before the Commission about your complaint. The Commission did consider your June 11, 2013, complaint seeking an investigation into when Kathleen Hansberry should have registered and begun filing monthly reports as a lobbyist for the Humane Society of the United States.

The Commission considered the information that was submitted prior to the meeting by you, David Trahan and Ms. Hansberry as well as the testimony at the meeting from Mr. Trahan and Ms. Hansberry. The Commission unanimously determined that Ms. Hansberry's failure to timely register and file a monthly report was a violation of the lobbyist reporting and disclosure law. The Commission, however, found that there was not enough information to justify further investigation into the date Ms. Hansberry was required to register. The Commission further decided to reduce the preliminary penalty for the late filing of Ms. Hansberry's registration and monthly report from \$300 to \$200.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone at (207) 287-6221.

Sincerely,


Matthew Marett
PAC, Party & Lobbyist Registrar

cc: Hon. David Trahan