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Amicus to the Harlos appeal

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I call your attention to Todd Hagopian's amicus to the Harlos appeal on the Joint Fundraising Committee, in particular potential conflicts with FEC regulations. The money raised using the LNC's donation limits cannot for the most part legally be given to the Kennedy campaign. The transfer limit from the LNC to the Kennedy campaign is \$5000 per year. Money raised by a joint fundraising committee goes proportionately to the individual members of the joint group but only up to their individual donation limits. See <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-11/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-102/section-102.17> for more details.

The motion as described by the national Chair would ignore this restriction and would thus authorize illegal acts. Motions that advance illegal acts are out of order, so this motion is out of order.

It is worthwhile to emphasize that committee treasurers (here for the LNC, the RFK campaign, and the joint committee) are individually personally civilly and criminally liable for violations of these limits. Indeed, the complaint to the FEC is required to open 'This is a criminal complaint' and names the Treasurer as the defendant.

I am morally certain that if the motion is allowed to come into play that such criminal complaints will be filed.

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