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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to comment in support of proposed Rule 2021-02.

Provided the proposed rule changes do not apply to any handout or information, no matter the medium, relating to a current issue or legislative matter which may be under consideration, I fully support the change. Such handouts or information on legislative matters should in no way be regulated.

I recall a few years ago when the current rules were adopted, which now treats informational materials (such as newspapers, journals, digital subscriptions, etc.) as something nefarious as compared to a permissible meal or beverage, insofar as the current rules disallow the giving of such information. It always perplexed me that “gifts” of meals or drink were permissible and reportable, but gifts serving as “food for thought” were completely disallowed.

I welcome the change as I believe our state’s citizens benefit most when their respective legislative and executive branch leaders are able to arrive at informed decisions, no matter the source or medium of that information. I believe your proposed rule change is an enlightened step in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

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