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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

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Campaign Work by Senate Staff

Staff campaign work –

- may be paid or unpaid
- requires supervisor permission
- must be done on one's "own time"
  - may not use official resources
  - must be done voluntarily
  - no contributions or "outlays" to one's employing Senator

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Non-PFDs / Regular Senate Staff

- Non-PFDs may not…
  - Receive
  - Solicit
  - Be the custodian of
  - Or distribute

  campaign funds of any FEDERAL candidate
- May help plan or set-up fundraisers

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Political Fund Designees = PFDs

- Senator may Designate up to 3 PFDs
- At least 1 PFD must be in DC
- PFDs must have salary of at least $10,000
- PFDs must file annual financial disclosure report regardless of salary level

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PFDs May Handle Funds

- principal campaign committee of the employing Senator
- for a committee or organization established and controlled by a Senator or group of Senators *(with the employing Senator's permission)*
- state or local committee of a national party *(with the employing Senator's permission)*

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Campaign Activity Restrictions

- No Campaign Activity in a Federal Building -18 U.S.C. § 607

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Exceptions for Certain Campaign-Related Activities

Limited minimal overlap of campaign and official activity:

- Official scheduler
- Official press secretary
- Referrals to campaign office

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Mixed Purpose (Official and Campaign)

- **Letters**
- **Emails**

- **Phone Calls**
  - Travel expenses may be pro rated on a reasonable basis to accurately reflect the purpose of the trip
  - FEC Contact: Duane Pugh @ (202) 694-1006

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Moratoria

- 60 days prior to a primary or general election, a Senator is prohibited from certain activities.
- No moratorium if election is uncontested and no legal possibility for a write-in candidate.

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