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AIR TRAVEL

Is it a scheduled airline?[1]
Is it a charter aircraft?[2]

YES

PAY FAIR MARKET VALUE

Is it a private aircraft?

OWNED OR CHARTERED BY:
- You or your relative?[3]
- A personal friend?[4]
- Fractional jet ownership?[7]

YES

PERMISSIBLE TO ACCEPT

Is the aircraft owned by a federal/ state/local/tribal government[6] or a congressional colleague[5]?

YES

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NO

Is it owned by a corporation or another private entity?

YES

PAY HLOGA FAIR MARKET VALUE[7]

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For questions regarding the use of campaign funds, please contact the Federal Election Commission.

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1. “Scheduled airlines” refer to commercial or common carrier airlines open to the general public for a fee (e.g. American Airlines, United Airlines). See 19 CFR part 122.1.

2. “Charter” refers to on-demand operations and commuter operations, which are types of commercial air service that involve the use of private aircraft, including light aircraft and business jets. These operations are distinct from scheduled airline operations and are often referred to as air charter or air taxi services. See 14 CFR part 380.

3. The Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. § 13101 defines “relative” as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, the grandfather or grandmother of a spouse, fiancé, or fiancée.

4. Senate Rule 35.1(c)(4) requires the Committee approve any gift based on personal friendship and valued over $250.

5. Senate Rule 35.1(c)(6).

6. Senate Rule 35.1(c)(16). If a state, local, or tribal government offers flights on a regular or reoccurring basis, Committee review recommended.

7. The HLOGA requires payment or reimbursement of the pro rata share of the fair market value of the normal and usual charter fare or rental charge for a comparable plane of comparable size as determined by dividing such costs by the number of Members, officers, or employees on the flight, HLOGA Sec. 544(c)(1); Senate Rule 35.1(c)(1)(C).