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Dear Office of the General Counsel,

I'm requesting an advisory opinion under KRS 121.135 regarding whether a planned purchase constitutes an "expenditure" that triggers candidate/committee status.

I intend to seek election as McCreary County Judge/Executive in 2030. In 2025, using only my personal funds, I would like to buy yard signs and campaign T-shirts in bulk for cost savings and keep them in private storage. I would not distribute, display, or otherwise use them publicly until I formally launch the campaign closer to 2030. No one else will receive items or make expenditures on my behalf, and I will not appoint a treasurer until I'm ready to begin campaigning.

My questions:

1. Would the purchase and private storage of these materials—without any public distribution or display—be considered "making expenditures ... with a view to bringing about" my nomination/election under KRS 121.015(8), thereby requiring me to form a campaign committee and begin reporting now?
2. If not, at what point would KREF consider the activity to cross into reportable expenditures (e.g., upon first public display, distribution to supporters, or appointment of a treasurer)?

I appreciate your guidance so I can ensure full compliance.

Sincerely,

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