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Extension of time and Supplement for AOR 2003-11

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee ("MDSCC") regarding its request for an Advisory Opinion dated March 26, 2003. MDSCC has been asked to grant an extension of time to June 13, 2003 for the Commission to issue an opinion. We are somewhat surprised that the Commission needs more time to process this request, inasmuch as the issue appears to be quite simple and straightforward. Please note that the requesting party, and many other regulated entities, must make payroll decisions now based on their good faith interpretation of existing law and regulations. Also, delay will complicate impending reporting by MDSCC.

MDSCC is willing to grant the extension of time to June 13, 2003, with the understanding that the Commission will specifically address in its advisory opinion whether MDSCC may, based on the advice issued in the opinion, reimburse its accounts for amounts unnecessarily expended in prior payrolls. (For example, expenditures unnecessarily made from Federal accounts for fringe benefits in prior payrolls could be reimbursed to the Federal account.) Please confirm that this additional remedial issue will be addressed in the Advisory Opinion.

Yours truly,

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cc: Mark Brewer, Executive Chair

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