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RE: AOR 2003-22

Dear Mr. Norton:

Our national trade association, the American Bankers Association, recently filed an Advisory Opinion Request regarding the ability of executives of member corporations to be able to collect and forward contributions for trade association PACs. The North Carolina Bankers Association fully supports the ABA's position.

Your consideration on August 28th will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thad Woodard

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RE: AOR 2003-22

Dear Mr. Norton:

I write on behalf of the Nebraska Bankers Association (NBA) in support of Advisory Opinion Request 2003-22. The NBA is a trade association representing 268 of the 270 commercial banks and eight savings and loans in the state of Nebraska.

It is our understanding that the American Bankers Association has submitted this Advisory Opinion Request seeking clarification regarding the ability of executives of member corporations to collect and forward contributions for trade association PACs. We would encourage the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in responding to this Advisory Opinion Request to confirm that executives of corporate members are permitted to collect and forward contributions for trade association PACs.

We believe that the effect of the conciliation agreements referenced in the Advisory Opinion Request has resulted in an overly restrictive limitation on the ability of member corporations to solicit and facilitate contributions on behalf of their trade association's PAC. Subject to the limitations described by the ABA in its Advisory Opinion Request and as further clarified by the ultimate advisory opinion to be issued by the FEC, we would encourage the FEC to rule affirmatively in clarifying the ability of member corporations to solicit and facilitate contributions on behalf of their trade association's PAC.

Sincerely,

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The New Mexico Bankers Association, on behalf of its officers, directors, and members, are in support of AOR 2003-22. We urge the FEC to confirm that executives of corporate members are permitted to collect and forward contributions for trade association PACs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John W. Anderson, Esq.
Executive Vice President

