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Dear Mr. Levin:

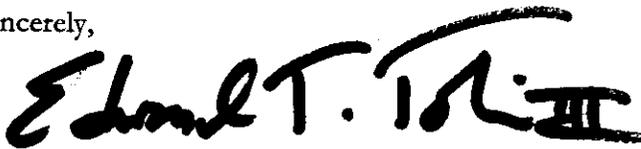
I understand that you, on behalf of the Federal Election Commission's Office of General Counsel, have requested an extension of time in which to answer the Advisory Opinion Request of the Republican Governors Association originally submitted to the Commission on October 16, 2003. Because the response to this question is crucial, we must respectfully deny your request and reiterate the RGA's need for an answer in a timely fashion. I believe that Terry Amyx, the RGA's comptroller, conveyed this to you by telephone last Wednesday.

As you know, on November 3, 2003, we received a letter from you asking several additional questions. Although these questions seemed tangential to the issue upon which we requested the Advisory Opinion, the RGA responded on November 13, 2003. It is essential to the RGA that it receive the answer to the question we raise as quickly as possible, and certainly within the 60 day statutory requirement of 2 U.S.C. 437f(1).

Accordingly, we request that you address our Advisory Opinion Request at the Commission's January 8, 2004 meeting, which would comply with 2 U.S.C. 437f(1).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Edward T. Tobin III
Executive Director