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Lois Lerner, Esquire
Associate General Counsel for Enforcement
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Ms. Lerner:

In the course of a routine program examination, SBA discovered that FJC Growth Capital Corporation (FJC), a small business investment company (SBIC) licensed by the Small Business Administration under section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, made a political contribution in violation of federal election laws. The contribution was refunded in full three months after it was made. We are referring this matter to your office for any appropriate action.

The facts as we know them are as follows:

1. FJC is a corporate SBIC located at 200 Westside Square, Suite 340, Huntsville, Alabama 35801.
2. FJC issued a \$5,000 check, dated April 9, 1998, payable to "Victory 98".
3. The check was endorsed "Alabama Republican Party - federal account".
4. On July 8, 1998, FJC deposited a \$5,000 check, dated June 30, 1998, from the "Alabama Republican Party State Victory 98 Account". The check is marked "refund" in the memo block.

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I would appreciate it if you would keep me apprised of any action the Federal Election Commission decides to take in this matter. I can be reached at (202) 205-6860.

Sincerely,

Nina D. Levine
Chief Counsel for Financial Transactions

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