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To The General Counsel:

I am writing in regards to a complaint that has been filed by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community number MUR 5399. It is true that the campaign received a contribution in November of 2002 but we have no record of Leonard Prescott telling us that he is a lobbyist for the Mystic Lake Casino. It is my understanding that Mr. Prescott's primary source of income at that time was through his relationship as a member of that tribe and while an active citizen in the political process he has not implied that he is a lobbyist for anyone.

I believe that our office made an error due to the inability to define Mr. Prescott's occupation. While he is not employed by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community it is his primary source of income. With the amount of the contribution being greater than our traditional contributions it appears that a data entry error was made and occupation should have been tribal benefactor. If there is a better label to use I would be happy to take it under advisement. I am also willing to take any other action to get this resolved to the Counsel's satisfaction.

Furthermore I am sorry that the error has been made and understand the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community wanting the correction to be made. I can be contacted at: (507) 252-1450.

Sincerely,

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