

# ***Friends of Senator Carl Levin***

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## **VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Ms. Alva E. Smith  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5476

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is being filed in response to the communication received from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) with respect to the above-referenced matter.

Upon receipt of the FEC's letter dated July 13, 2004, in which it was alleged that the Friends of Senator Carl Levin Committee (the Committee) received a contribution prohibited under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act), the Committee undertook an investigation to determine whether the Committee received the contribution in question.

It has been determined that the contribution in question was received by a vendor hired by the Committee to conduct certain fundraising activities on behalf of the Committee. The contribution in question went directly to the vendor where an employee of the vendor mistook the contribution as being made by an individual, perhaps as a result of an individual's name appearing at the top of the check. The contribution was recorded as such and was deposited by the vendor. Upon a review of its records, the vendor has confirmed that it mistakenly accepted a check in the amount of \$100 from a source not permitted to make contributions in connection with federal elections. The vendor deeply regrets that this error occurred. Immediately upon being notified by the vendor that the vendor inadvertently deposited the check, the Committee issued a refund check and sent the refund check to the contributor. A copy of the refund check is attached.

It is, and has always been, the intention of the Friends of Senator Carl Levin to comply fully with the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the FEC. I hope this prompt action by the Committee resolves this matter.

Paid for by Friends of Senator Carl Levin.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 544-8963.

Sincerely,



Tina Stoll  
Assistant Treasurer  
Friends of Senator Carl Levin

Enclosure

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