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Mr. Larry Norton  
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Dear Mr. Norton:

A review of recent filings (April 27, 2004, Amended Pre-Primary filing) of LeSueur for Congress 04 (Committee ID: C00394304) revealed the following violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA), as amended. The following outline provides details violations of our campaign finance laws:

1. The Committee paid the candidate a reported \$600 payment on January 5, 2004.

1.1.1. This payment is in clear violation of Part 113 - Use of Campaign Accounts for Non-Campaign Purposes (2 U.S.C. 439a) – of the Commission's rulemaking printed in Vol. 67, No. 240 of Federal Register on December 13, 2002, requiring that salary payments not be made "...before the filing deadline for access to the primary election ballot for the Federal office that the candidate seeks, in this case, January 9, 2004.

1.1.2. The Committee paid the candidate before the qualifying deadline.

The Committee has clearly violated the letter and spirit of our campaign finance and election laws. I trust that a prompt and full investigation into these charges is forthcoming. If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2004

Notary Public

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