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Dear Mr. Norton:

A review of recent filings (April 27, 2004, Amended April 15 Quarterly Report 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:

The Committee paid the candidate a reported sum of \$2,900.00 between February 6, and February 17, per its Pre-Primary filing; however, subsequent reports reveal an additional \$300 in February salary payments increasing the candidate's February salary to \$3,200!

1.1.1. The April 27, 2004, Amended April 15 Quarterly Report indicates that additional salary payments to the candidate were made which clearly violate 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, restricting salary payments to, in this case, \$1,500 per month, as indicated on the candidate's personal financial disclosure.

1.1.2. The payments in question are as follow:

1.1.2.1. February 20, 2004 - \$100

1.1.2.2. February 23, 2004 - \$200

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 3rd day of May, 2004

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