



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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B. Holly Schadler
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RE: MUR 5501
The Tides Foundation
The Democratic Justice Fund

Dear Ms. Schadler:

This is in response to your letter dated August 23, 2004, which we received on that day requesting a 20-day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letters, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before September 20, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kim C. Stevenson, Paralegal
Complaints Examination and
Legal Administration