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RE: MOR 5558

Mr. Jeff Jordan
Federal Election Committee
999 E. St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am responding to the complaint that was brought against me by Mr. David Rhine, alleging that I had violated the election laws by not disclosing campaign contributions made by me in the last election. His wife received a letter, sent by me, urging her to register to vote, and to vote for John Kerry. I sent out five of these letters to five women in the state of Washington. I was given the names of these unregistered voters. I think that about six others sent out letters of their own composition and at their own expense. I believe about sixty letters went out.

I reread my letter that caused Mr. Rhine to get so riled up, and if he felt that it appeared to be written by "a lowly blue collar grandma", well I guess we're all sisters under the skin. He felt duped to find that I'm a community volunteer and a political activist. Who else would have written that letter? I also enclosed a voter registration form. No law against that.

I'm sorry that I did not respond to you within the 15 day limit. I was busy with campaign walking and this election consumed me as no other election ever has. I'm 79 and I've seen a lot of them.

I'm sorry that my 5 letters took up your time and the government's money. If you want me to pony up for those 5 stamps, just tell me where to send the money.

Sincerely,

Jene M. Witte

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