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TO: Jeff Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Federal Election Commission
From: Amy Otis-Wilborn

I received your letter regarding the complaint filed against me. I'm sorry, but I have been out of town and didn't receive this letter until 11/12/04 so I would have responded earlier. At this point, I don't believe legal counsel is warranted. But, you will have to let me know if you think it would be in my best interests.

I am a member of a community/neighborhood, Port Washington, WI. Members of the Community became concerned that Port Washington and Ozaukee County Community members did not realize that ~~the~~ many of their neighbors were concerned about the war, the economy, health care - other issues. The Ozaukee County and Port Washington Community is largely Republican. Therefore, in order to communicate our concerns and ~~that~~ the candidates we thought could best address our concerns, we placed an ad in the

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community newspaper - The Ozaukee Press. ②
The ad is effort # in the complaint. We made
this decision as a neighborhood group
not affiliated with any party or organization.
We had never met each other before the
informal meetings we had in the two
weeks prior to placing the ad. The group of
people listed are friends - friends of friends -
acquaintances, acquaintances, acquaintances, etc.
The purpose of our ad was to publicly show
that there ~~was~~ was a diversity of opinion
in Port Washington and Ozaukee Co. So, the
ad was funded by \$5, \$10, \$15 donations
by each of the individuals listed.

On Oct. 28th, he placed a second ad. I
enclosed this ad. Again, the same purpose
and process was used. This time, however, the
Ozaukee Press advised us to put the disclaimer
in - telling how the ad was funded. The Press did
not suggest this in the first ad - probably
because it looked more like a "personal."
But, the second time, it was a larger ad with
more names. Again, we are not, never have been,
and never will - no intention of - affiliating
ourselves with any party or formal organization.
I hope that ^{your} this provides sufficient
response to the complaint. I understand that

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when you begin to mess with politics,
that one must follow the rules. The group of
individuals including myself - who
posted the Ads in the Gauche Press did it
as "neighbors" communicating with other
neighbors.

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One worry that I do have, however, is the
fact that the Federal Election Commission
has names, addresses, etc. for a group of
individuals who do not know their
names and personal information was
submitted. I do not have contact with these
individuals - as I've said before, this was
a serendipitous group - spontaneous. Should
they be notified individually of this as
I was? Please advise.

If you have additional questions I
want to talk with me personally, please
contact me. I believe you have my
phone and address.

Sincerely,

Amy Otis-Wilborn

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Your Neighbors Have Decided

We are from many walks of life, of different faiths, and of varied political persuasions. We believe it is our patriotic duty and democratic privilege to vote on November 2nd. We urge you to join us in voting for **JOHN KERRY** and **JOHN EDWARDS** because our country needs to move in a new direction that will address serious concerns we all have about:

- Allegitimate resolution to the war in Iraq and safety of our troops
- Terrorism, at home and abroad
- Protection of our civil liberties
- The escalating federal deficit
- Control over rising costs and lack of access to adequate health care
- Growing ranks of the working poor due to job and wage loss
- The future of Medicare and Social Security
- Loss of respect within the world community
- Unraveling of environmental policies

OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE is to restore a government that represents ALL OF THE PEOPLE and addresses the issues that we face as a country in a way that brings us TOGETHER rather than divides us.

