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CHAIRMAN

October 29, 2004

The Honorable Bradley Smith
Chairman
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

MUR # 5599

Complaint Re: Law Offices of James Sokolove
1340 Centre Street
Suite 102
Newton Center, MA 02459

John Kerry for President, Inc.
901 15th Street NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

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COUNSEL
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Dear Chairman Smith:

The attached letter from the Law Offices of James Sokolove was sent to Ms. Olga McKinney on October 23, 2004. I have also included an affidavit signed by Ms. McKinney detailing the facts of the case. Ms. McKinney has no relationship with the Sokolove law firm other than contacting them about potentially being a client.

At the end of the letter, Sokolove expressly advocates the election of John Kerry as President of the United States. Corporations are prohibited from making contributions or expenditures for the purpose of influencing a federal election under 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

It appears that either corporate resources were used to make an independent expenditure (which would be illegal) or the John Kerry for President campaign accepted a prohibited corporate contribution.

I respectfully request that the Commission conduct an investigation, determine which violations of law occurred, and take appropriate action against those who violate election law.

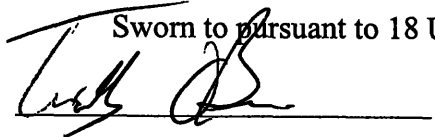
Sincerely,

Timothy O'Brien
Executive Director



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Timothy O'Brien, hereby verifies that the statements made in the above complaint are, upon information and belief, true.

Sworn to pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.


Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Suffolk

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn
before me this 29th day of October, 2004 by



Notary Public **Evan Slavitt**
My Commission Expires
September 12, 2008
My commission expires _____

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Dear Friend:

I personally believe that the upcoming Presidential election is of great importance. We need change in the White House. We need a new president who's going to look out for the best interest of the American people. We know President Bush hasn't done it.

Since taking office, President Bush has made it very clear that he cares more about his friends than he does about the American public. If you've been following the news over the past four years, you know that his agenda caters to big business and not to the average American.

What has Bush done for the working American? Not much.

- His \$1.3 trillion tax cut was designed to benefit the wealthy, which only make up 5 percent of our population.
- He has proposed legislation that would eliminate overtime pay. Those workers who rely on overtime pay to make ends meet would no longer have access to it.
- He's threatening your legal rights in order to protect his friends in Big Business. Bush has proposed new laws that will make it impossible to have a legal claim against certain companies no matter what they do wrong. The toys our children play with, the cars we drive and the air we breathe are safer because the average American has been able to make companies pay for putting corporate profits over OUR SAFETY.
- He's used YOUR Social Security dollars to fund the war in Iraq. His plan to recoup this money is to decrease what you collect upon retirement and to extend the retirement age. You will work longer to collect less money!

We need to put a stop to this. We need to take control of our government once again. On November 2, 2004, America will go to the polls to vote. Let's not make the same mistake twice. Please come out and vote for John Kerry and let democracy reign again.

Sincerely,

James G. Sokolove

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Affidavit of Olga McKinney

I, Olga McKinney, duly sworn under oath, say that:

1. I reside at P.O. Box 19718, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85269.
2. In or about late August, early September, I viewed a televised solicitation from the Law Offices of James Sokolove indicating that individuals or their loved ones who have suffered side-effects after using the medication Vioxx should contact the Law Offices of James Sokolove .
3. In or about mid-to-late September, and in response to this solicitation, I contacted the Law Offices of James Sokolove and provided personal information including my home address and specific medical information pertaining to Vioxx, use of Vioxx, and the attendant side-effects of Vioxx
4. Two weeks ago, they contacted me by mail regarding their review of my case.
5. I was informed that they would not be able to take my case or assist me in anyway, and they provided me with other attorneys to contact.
6. On or about October 23, 2004, I received a letter from the Offices of James Sokolove.
7. The letter, at Attachment A, is written on law firm letterhead and signed by James G. Sokolove.
8. The letter is a political communication calling for President Bush's defeat and John Kerry's election.
9. The letter asserts that President Bush will make it impossible to sue companies "no matter what they do wrong."
10. The letter asserts that President Bush has used "YOUR Social Security dollars to fund the war in Iraq." (emphasis in original).

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11. The letter asserts that President Bush "has made it very clear that he cares more about his friends than he does about the American public."
12. The letter specifically calls for President Bush's defeat and tells the reader to "come out and vote for John Kerry . . ."
13. I contacted the Law Offices of James Sokolove to inquire about a legal matter.
14. At no time did I express any interest in the political views of the Law Offices of James Sokolove, or in any way solicit political advertising calling for President Bush's defeat and the election of John Kerry.
15. I contacted the Law Offices of James Sokolove for a discrete legal matter. This unsolicited partisan political advertising by the Law Offices of James Sokolove violated my trust and represented a misuse of my personal and private contact information.

Olga McKinney, hereby verifies that the statements made in the above complaint are, upon information and belief, true.

Sworn to pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Olga McKinney
Olga McKinney

State of Arizona
County of Maricopa

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this 26 day of October, 2004 by

Olga McKinney
Sara Superits
Notary Public

My commission expires 5-31-07

