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BY HAND AND FACSIMILE

Lynn M. Fraser
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Re: ADR 289

Dear Ms. Fraser:

I write in response to your December 20, 2005, letter regarding the above-referenced matter. I appreciate the opportunity to provide additional information on behalf of my client, Melissa Bean for Congress ("the Committee").

The Committee's basic position in this matter is set forth briefly in the responses it submitted to Commission requests for additional information on May 26, 2005 and July 26, 2005; those responses are on the public record. To elaborate, however, the Committee is the principal campaign committee of Congresswoman Melissa Bean, who represents Illinois' 8th Congressional District. She defeated then-incumbent Phil Crane in 2004, in one of that election cycle's most intensely contested elections. The Committee had more than \$3 million in total activity during that cycle, an unusually high level for a House campaign.

The Committee retained Whitney Burns, who has more than twenty years of experience in the preparation of Commission reports, to prepare and file its reports, and to respond to Commission requests for information. Ms. Burns prepared and timely filed the Committee's 2004 30 Day Post General Report. To the best of the Committee's knowledge at the time of filing, and Ms. Burns's, that report was true and correct.

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After the report was filed, the Committee received invoices relating to goods and services that were provided before the close of books for that report. The Committee also finalized plans to pay bonuses to two staff members and a consultant for services previously rendered. To ensure a complete public record, and consistent with Ms. Burns' longstanding practices, the Committee amended its 2004 30 Day Post General Report to reflect the newly adduced information.

At all times in the events that gave rise to this matter, the Committee acted reasonably and in good faith. It respectfully contends that no further action is necessary or warranted in this matter.

I look forward to our meeting on January 11. If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to call me at (202) 434-1654. Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



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