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Mr. Scott E. Thomas, Chairman
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC. 20463

Re: 2000 Election Related Contributions

Dear Chairman Thomas:

I write to inform the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") of my recent discovery that I may have inadvertently exceeded the individual annual aggregate federal campaign contribution limit in 2000, and to set forth the affirmative steps I have taken to remedy this possible oversight.

In October of 2005 it came to my attention that in 2000 I made contributions to federal candidates, state parties, and political action committees that in total may have exceeded the annual aggregate limit on individual contributions allowable under the Federal Election Campaign Act at that time. Although my contributions would not have exceeded the aggregate limits under current law, I may have unknowingly exceeded this limit by \$5,500.

Upon learning this information I immediately sought to bring my 2000 total contribution amount into compliance with the federal limit; I sought and received refunds in order to do so. On October 19 and 20, 2005 I received refunds from certain recipients of my 2000 contributions in the amount of \$5,500.

As a final corrective measure, I now write to disclose the above series of events to the Commission. I make this disclosure in good faith, and will comply with any further action the Commission may prescribe.

Sincerely,

Benson K. Whitney

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