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Mr. Larry Norton
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Norton:

A review of recent filings (July 15 Quarterly Report) by Chuck Espy for Congress (Committee ID: C00413211) revealed the following violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA), as amended:

1. The Committee reported contributions totaling \$4,200 from Mike Espy. This amount exceeds the individual contribution limit of \$2,100 per election. As the candidate ran in only one election and lost, the Committee is required to refund that contribution.
2. The Committee reported receiving candidate contributions totaling \$24,100. The candidate has not disclosed the source of the funds contributed (e.g., assets, income, personal loan, bank loan, etc.). Without such a disclosure there is no way to know whether the candidate's contributions were made consistent with the directives of 11 CFR 100.33.

The Committee has clearly violated the letter and spirit of our campaign finance and election laws. I trust that a prompt and full investigation into these charges is forthcoming. If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2 day of August, 2006

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Notary Public

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