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Democratic National Committee

August 7, 1990

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman
Federal Election Commission
999 E. St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: AOR 1990-14

**Comment On
AOR 1990-14**

Dear Chairman Elliott:

It is my understanding that you have recently received an advisory opinion request regarding use of 900 telephone service by political committees. While taking no position on the particular AOR before the Commission, we urge the Commissioners to examine the technology that makes possible these types of programs in a positive light and establish guidelines that will enable political committees to make use of these services.

We at the DNC believe that this type of service presents the possibility of stimulating large numbers of small individual contributors. We believe this to be a desirable benefit consistent with the goal of encouraging participation by individuals in the political process.

We, of course, realize that there are important compliance issues that must be addressed by the Commission. However, we are hopeful that the Commission will be able to establish guidelines that will ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations while not sacrificing the benefits offered by 900 service in reaching individual contributors.

Sincerely,
Bill Cross
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Legal Counsel

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