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Federal Election Commission  
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Supplement to  
AOR 2000-02

RE: Advisory Opinion 2000-2

Dear Michael,

This letter follows up your e-mail of February 15<sup>th</sup> and our subsequent telephone conversation.

As discussed, I have already exceeded the \$5,000 threshold required by section 2 U.S.C. §431(2). In the middle of December I sent out my first fundraising letter – but only to family and friends for seed money. These returns were just beginning to arrive when I filed as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Since then they have continued. With this money I am just now about to begin direct mail fundraising, so I am currently at the very early stages of fundraising. As discussed, it is still quite early in the election cycle here in Vermont and I do not expect the campaign season to begin in earnest until sometime this spring.

When we recently spoke, you asked if I would provide additional information about the location of my office and the surrounding area. The following information will repeat and supplement that which we discussed in our telephone conversation.

Stowe, Vermont is a mountain resort community with a year round population of only about 3,500. The commercial area of Stowe Village – where my rented space is located – is within an area of only about 3 square blocks, with my building located a little west of its middle. Most of the buildings located in this commercial area of the village are of clapboard frame construction and do not exceed 2-3 stories. The building I am in has 3 stories with my third story being in the top of the building with knee walls, steep pitched ceilings and several skylights. The 1<sup>st</sup> (main) floor of this building is occupied by a local family restaurant – The Malt Shoppe. Half of the second floor is used as an office by the owner-proprietor of The Malt Shoppe. I occupy the other half of the second floor and the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> floor as originally described in my letter request of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

The several buildings immediately across the street to my west are all part of the Green Mountain Inn, a popular Inn here in the village. The building across the street to my south

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serves as the office of a chiropractor and the building immediately behind his is the local post office on its first floor and has offices for a local insurance business and a cable tv business on its second floor. The building immediately to my east is used by a local builder for preparation of interior finish work on its first floor and as the office for a local doctor on its second floor. The building to my north is used as an office by a local wall street trader/investor on its first floor and has an occupied apartment on its second floor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> building complex to the north is used on its first floor for commercial retail space by a dealer of antiques and furnishings, and has additional guest rooms for The Green Mountain Inn on its second floor. On the eastern side of this building is a building used as the primary office of a local electrical contractor.

I hope this gives you a better idea of how this commercial part of a small town in Vermont is used.

Thanks for your assistance in advising me in regard to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

**Rick Hubbard for U.S. Senate**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Hubbard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rick Hubbard, Treasurer