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Mr. Lawrence Noble
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Dear Mr. Noble:

We are writing to ask for your assistance in reviewing a Federal Election Commission (FEC) staff determination that affects all individual Louisiana federal candidates.

As you may know the FEC on July 26, 2000 sent all individual Louisiana federal candidates a letter advising them of its interpretation of Love V Foster, 22 U.S. 67 (1997) as it relates to the per election limitation and fundraising for this election cycle. The FEC letter takes the position that under Love v Foster that there is no primary election, only a general election in Louisiana for the 2000 cycle.

We believe under this interpretation that all individual Louisiana federal candidates are being denied equal legal treatment enjoyed by all other 526 Members of Congress.

Based on our research and that of legal counsel we believe that the November 7th date in actuality, our primary election date, and the decision of the Federal Middle District Court (on remand) fixes a date on the official election calendar, of a run-off or general election of December 9th. Therefore, we have two established election cycles and are entitled to two separate contribution limits.

We would like to request that the FEC review the interpretation of July 26, 2000 and if necessary meet with the Louisiana Delegation to explain this matter.

If you need further information or assistance please contact David Marventano of Rep. Tauzin's staff at 225-4031. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


W.I. "BILLY" TAUZIN

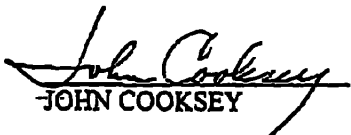

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