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Ms. Mary Dove, Commission Secretary  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Draft Advisor Opinion 2004-08: American Sugar Cane League

Dear Ms. Dove:

I have served on the Board of Directors of the American Sugar Cane League, Inc. since 1985, so I am familiar with the tenure of Charlie Melancon. I recall that in 2001, when Charlie had considered leaving the League to pursue other opportunities, I participated in discussions with him and other members of the Board regarding a severance package which consisted minimally of one year's compensation.

The current decision to award a severance package is simply a continuation of those earlier discussions and is in no way related to what he might do after he resigned his position.

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Theriot  
General Manager

cc: Office of General Counsel  
Charles J. Melancon

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