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July 7, 1998

Chairman Joan D. Aikens  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Chairman Aikens:

I am in receipt of a June 8, 1998 letter from the Commission to me concerning MURs 4568, 4633 and 4634. I have not received a copy of MURs 4568 and 4633, but I did submit an affidavit concerning MUR 4634 on May 23, 1997. Based on the Factual and Legal Analysis accompanying your June 8 letter, I am unclear on what grounds you have found reason to believe against me.

The 26-page Factual and Legal Analysis is almost entirely about Triad, Citizens for Reform or the Citizens for Reform Education Fund. I have no knowledge of their activities generally, other than what I have learned subsequent to the 1996 elections. Your Factual and Legal Analysis offers to no evidence that either I or my campaign knew of the Triad activities you describe before they occurred.

I am troubled by the Factual and Legal Analysis' statement that "available information suggests" that I may have somehow violated the Act. First of all, the activities I have described constitute my contacts with and knowledge of Triad. I do not believe that under any circumstances this can constitute a violation by me of the Act. Secondly, the "available information" presented by the Factual and Legal Analysis is basically non-existent and conclusory. Yet, the FEC does not hesitate to reach a reason to believe finding against me. I find that without justification.

I never took part in the "political audit" you describe, which apparently was nothing more than a meeting with someone who identified himself as a potential supporter who said his organization wanted to help. I believe it is the job of campaigns and candidates to meet with organizations that are evaluating them to see if they will offer support, but apparently the Federal Election Commission has a different idea. I found no legal authority in your Factual and Legal

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Analysis to support either your idea or a reason to believe finding against me personally (or my campaign).

In terms of Meredith O'Rourke, I do recall her assisting me with making telephone calls on two occasions. She did nothing more than dial numbers for me, on what I believed to be a volunteer basis. I was gratified that she would help me, and appreciated her efforts as I did each of the many people who volunteered their time to assist my campaign. If she was not acting as a volunteer (and the Factual and Legal Analysis presents no facts to the contrary), neither I nor my campaign knew it.

As for the allegations regarding the PAC contributions to my campaign that the FEC alleges were from the Stauffers, I have filed a sworn Affidavit with the Commission. After reviewing your Factual and Legal Analysis, my statements in that Affidavit remain uncontroverted other than a speculative, unsupported theory by the Commission.

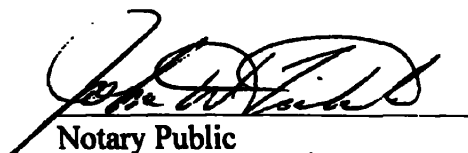
Based on what is contained in the Factual and Legal Analysis, I object to any finding against me, and I urge the Commission to dismiss this matter against me.

Sincerely,



Sam Brownback

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1998.



Notary Public

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

My commission expires:

My Commission Expires

January 31, 1999