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To whom it may concern:

I have openly and continuously admitted my wrong doing in this investigation from the beginning. In fact, without my original admission and subsequent help, the FEC would never have had a case to file against anyone. I was wrong for what I did and I am paying for it with this Conciliation Agreement and fine.

However, I again feel obliged to point out that I was a straw donor, not for Ms. Amy Habie, but for Mr. David Boies, her business partner and 25% owner of Nical of Palm Beach, Inc., the West Palm Beach, Florida company for which I worked at the time of the illegal donation. Ms. Habie, my boss, and 75% owner of the company, assured me that it was all right to make this type of donation for Mr. Boies because he was a lawyer for the Senate Ethics Committee and he knew what was all right to do in this arena. She explained that he did this all the time with people all over the United States assisting him, and that tens of thousands of dollars were contributed by him this way every year to multiple elected or campaigning officials.

While I was ignorant about the laws prior to committing this wrong doing and am obviously not hiding behind this lack of knowledge by trying to avoid my punishment, I do feel it is important that the record reveal why I did this illegal donation to begin with. I know now that David Boies and his co-conspirator, Amy Habie, were buying political influence.

In any case, I was wrong; I do regret having done it and am voluntarily paying a fine for my wrong doing.

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