FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 27, 1999

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RE: MUR 4719
New Jersey Republican State
Committee and H. George
Buckwald, as treasurer

Dear Ms Harbeck:

On January 25, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a and 441b, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i) in connection with the calculation of the Committee's 1995 and 1996 ballot composition ratios.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation

agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Susan L. Lebeaux, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement