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General Counsel Office
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
Attn: Alva E. Smith

Re: MUR 4736 - Citizens For The Republic Education Fund

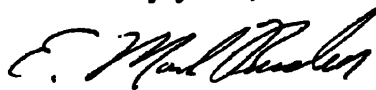
Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing in response to the materials received from the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") which include a complaint alleging that Citizens For The Republic Education Fund ("CREF") may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act").

This matter should be resolved in an expedient manner by the Commission. The attached affidavit clearly demonstrates that no action should be taken against CREF in this matter. CREF made no contributions or expenditures in Montana in 1996. CREF made no disbursements of any type in Montana in 1996. CREF sponsored no form of communication in Montana making any reference to candidates Bill Yellowtail or Rick Hill in 1996. The Montana Democratic Party State Chairman's allegations regarding CREF have no factual foundation. The affidavit clearly and unequivocally states that CREF undertook no activities in Montana in 1996. The materials provided to the Commission supply no evidence nor even a clear allegation that CREF conducted any activities in Montana in 1996. For these reasons, the appropriate course of action for the Commission to take is to close MUR 4736 regarding CREF immediately without further action.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



E. Mark Braden

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Citizens for the Republic Education Fund

1. I, Carolyn S. Malenick, am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens for the Republic Education Fund ("CREF"). CREF is a non-profit corporation.
2. CREF made no contributions or expenditures, as defined by the Federal Election Campaign Act, in Montana in 1996. CREF made no disbursements of any type in Montana in 1996.
3. CREF sponsored no form of communication in Montana that made any reference to candidates Bill Yellowtail or Rick Hill in 1996. CREF undertook no activities of any type in Montana in 1996.

Sworn to

By:

Carolyn S. Malenick
Carolyn S. Malenick

Date:

5/22/98

*Subscribed and sworn to before me
on May 22, 1998.*

Luigi A. Annibale, Notary
My Commission Expires June 30, 2000.

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