



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736
John and Ruth Stauffer


Dear Messrs. Ginsberg and McGinley:

On May 17, 2001, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that your clients, John and Ruth Stauffer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with excessive contributions that they made to the Sam Brownback for US Senate Committee.

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 has authorized this Office to institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

please contact Mark Shonkwiler
the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,


Lois G. Lerner
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