



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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BY U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736
Senator Sam Brownback

Dear Mr. Brownback:

On June 8, 1998, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you had violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f in Matters Under Review 4568, 4633 and 4634. On August 3, 1999, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you had violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f in Matter Under Review 4736. Both notifications indicated that the Commission was reviewing these four MURs as part of a single investigation.

This is to advise you that on May 17, 2001, the Federal Election Commission determined to take no further action against you in these matters, and has closed its file as it pertains to Sam Brownback. Enclosed is a copy of a letter notifying your principal campaign committee that the Commission found probable cause to believe that Sam Brownback for US Senate Committee and Alan Groesbeck, as treasurer, ("the Brownback Committee") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by accepting excessive contributions from John and Ruth Stauffer, but determined to take no action against the Brownback Committee at this time.

The file will be made public within 30 days after the matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Shonkwiler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Shonkwiler
Attorney

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