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VIA U.S. PRIORITY MAIL

Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
Lois G. Lerner, Associate General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Cammermeyer 2 Congress and
Paul Fournier, as Treasurer
MUR 4753

Dear Mr. Noble and Ms. Lerner:

This law firm is counsel to Cammermeyer 2 Congress (Committee) and its treasurer, Paul Fournier, in this matter.

The purpose of this letter is supplement the public record concerning the conciliation agreement in the referenced matter.

The Committee and its treasurer believe that the evidence establishes that the Committee was, as a matter of fact, quite diligent in its efforts to obtain and report information concerning its contributors. As detailed in the conciliation agreement, the Committee's written solicitations for contributions included a clear request for the statutorily required contributor information and a complete and accurate statement of federal law regarding the collection and reporting of contributor information.

The evidence produced to the FEC also convincingly demonstrates that, even though the candidate and her chief fundraiser were on the road for substantial periods during this time in early 1998 and, thus, were unable to themselves follow up on contributions that did not have the requisite contributor information, the Committee made timely follow-up, stand alone requests for missing contributor information within 30 days of receipt of the contributions.

Because the Committee's fundraising efforts attracted many donors who had never contributed to a campaign before and because two key people who would otherwise have sought out contributor

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information were otherwise engaged, the Committee, during the first quarter of 1998, encountered some problems trying to collect all of the federally required information from contributors. These problems were compounded when one or two inexperienced staff members failed to fully document their 'best efforts' to obtain the missing information.

Despite these obstacles and although it took many months and thousands of dollars to do so, the Committee ultimately obtained essentially all of the information which must be disclosed, and filed amended reports.

Based on these facts, the Committee and Fournier believe that the better course in this matter would have been for the Commission to dismiss the charges without any penalty. Nevertheless, because the costs of litigating this matter would have been significantly higher than the stipulated payment in the conciliation agreement and because the conciliation agreement puts an end to what could otherwise be a protracted process, the Committee has decided to settle this case through a conciliation agreement and the payment of a \$15,000 civil penalty.

I appreciate your anticipated courtesy in adding this letter to the materials in the public file in this case.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Dr. Grethe Cammermeyer
Paul Fournier