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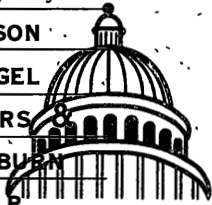
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May 14, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Margaret Toalson, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4788; California Democratic Party

Dear Ms. Toalson:

On May 7 we received the general counsel's brief supporting the request for a probable cause finding. We are requesting a 20-day extension, making our responsive brief due on June 11. It will take additional time to consult with our client and to formulate a response. In addition, as you may know, our office serves as counsel in *California Democratic Party v. Federal Election Commission*, related to the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. Recently filed, that litigation is requiring substantial and immediate attention.

Please call if you need any further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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