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Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4811
John Spratt for Congress Committee
Bernard Neal Ackerman, Treasurer

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing the "Conciliation Agreement" served by mail on the Treasurer of the John Spratt for Congress Committee, Bernard N. Ackerman. I have signed the stipulated agreement to settle and have asked my assistant treasurer and bookkeeper to send the FEC under separate cover a check for \$2,000.00.

This violation resulted from our printer's error. It was unintended and inconsequential, and we voluntarily reported it to the FEC in the 1996 campaign cycle and sought remedial advice. We complied in good faith with FEC instructions, adding a disclaimer to every sign posted that did not have one, but apparently missing a few. Given hundreds of signs with the disclaimer properly printed on them, there could not have been any doubt in my congressional district about who paid for these signs. And there is no proof whatever that anyone other than my campaign paid for these signs and all my campaign materials. In these circumstances, I think a fine of \$2,000 is stiff, but I do not have the time to contest it, and I doubt that I could engage a lawyer to open a file on the matter for a fee less than the fine.

I am, therefore, submitting to the "Conciliation Agreement" and having a check for \$2,000 sent to the FEC separately.

Yours sincerely,



John M. Spratt, Jr.