



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA FAX (202-543-7686) AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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November 1, 1999

RE: MUR 4818
Gene Stipe
The Stipe Law Firm

Dear Mr. Sandler:

This is in response to your letter dated and received November 1, 1999, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe notifications and Subpoenas and Orders issued to Gene Stipe and the Stipe Law Firm. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter and your representations by phone today of your clients' intent to comply with the outstanding Subpoenas and Orders, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on December 7, 1999.

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

Sincerely,


Xavier K. McDonnell
Attorney