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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

Xavier McDonnell, Esq.
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W., 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR# 4818

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

Further to our discussion yesterday, we respectfully request a postponement of the deposition of the Honorable Gene Stipe in the above-referenced MUR, which deposition is currently scheduled for December 13, 2000.

As you are aware, I serve as Senator Stipe's principal counsel before the Commission for purposes of this MUR. Since November 7, I have been in Tallahassee, Florida continuously serving as one of the attorneys for the Gore/Lieberman Recount Committee. It is very difficult to predict at this time when the recount and election contest matter will be concluded.

Accordingly, it seems most unlikely at this juncture that there will be adequate time for me to prepare for the taking of Senator Stipe's deposition.

For these reasons, I would request that the Office of the General Counsel agree to postpone the deposition to a date in January that is convenient for yourself and the other assigned attorneys.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need further information concerning the above, please contact me at (850) 561-3010 or (202) 607-0700.

Sincerely Yours,



Joseph E. Sandler

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