



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 19, 1998

Mark Brewer, Chair
Michigan Democratic State Central Committee
606 Townsend
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Brewer:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1998. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. Your letter did not meet these requirements. Although your letter was signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized, it was not sworn to, as required.

In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, you must swear before a notary that the contents of your complaint are true to the best of your knowledge and the notary must represent as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of ____, 19__." A statement by the notary that the complaint was sworn to and subscribed before him/her also will be sufficient.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retha Dixon".

Retha Dixon
Docket Manager

cc: Michelle McManus for Congress