



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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

Joseph Sandler, Esquire
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RE: MUR 4818
Gene Stipe

Dear Mr. Sandler:

The Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your client knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441f and 441a(a)(1)(A), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with his activities pertaining to Walt Roberts for Congress in 1998.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

On October 9, 2003, the Commission approved the enclosed conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Margaret J. Toalson, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence H. Norton".

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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