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Mr. Darryl Wold  
Chairman, Federal Election Commission  
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Re: MURs 4935 and 5057

Dear Chairman Wold:

Thank you for partially granting our initial request for an extension of time in the above-captioned proceedings. While we appreciate your consideration of our initial request, additional factors have come to our attention that we believe warrant the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") granting an additional two week extension.

First, the Respondent in this case, Andrew Lowinger, did not receive notification that a complaint was filed against him in these proceedings, despite the fact that MUR 4935 was initiated by a complaint filed with the Commission by Sandy Aboulafia. As you know, the Federal Election Campaign Act ("FECA") requires that Respondents be provided with an initial notice that a complaint has been filed against them, along with a copy of the complaint. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.5(a). Because Mr. Lowinger never received a copy of the complaint and only learned of the Commission's actions in this matter when he received a copy of the "reason to believe" finding on August 23, 2000, he and we, as his counsel, are only now gathering information that would normally have been gathered in the course of responding to the complaint.

Second, Mr. Lowinger has spent the time since receiving notification of the Commission's "reason to believe" finding attempting to obtain copies of the checks alleged to have written by him to the Dear for Congress campaign. To date, Mr.

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Lowinger's bank has been unable to locate copies of the checks. Additional time is needed to gather these records which are critical to a thorough understanding of this matter.

Third, the attorney in our firm with primary responsibility for this matter, Bruce Turnbull, has pre-existing business commitments, including travel out of the office for all of last week and the remainder of this week. Attempting to respond to these MURs by the end of this week would thus be an extreme hardship.

Given these facts, we request an extension of two weeks to respond to the Commission's "reason to believe" finding. We appreciate the efforts of the General Counsel to help arrange a conference call on this issue and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Kristin King