

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-219-1043
Marianne Abely, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5026

March 8, 2004

Dear Ms. Abely:

This letter requests an extension of time to respond to your letter indicating that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe in MUR 5026.

Your letter regarding this matter was sent to an address I last resided at nearly 20 years ago. As a result, I first learned of a letter from the FEC on March 2nd and did not actually receive your letter and legal brief until the morning of March 5, 2004. I am therefore requesting a 20 day extension, until March 25, 2004, to respond to your letter. I need the extra time because the allegations made in your brief relate to events that happened four years ago and I need time to review my materials--if I have any.

Thank you in advance for granting me this extension. For future correspondence please use 49 Beechwood Dr. Robbinsville, NJ 08691. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Tom Blakely

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