



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mary Schroeder
1015 Locust - Suite 820
St. Louis, MO 63101

RE: MUR 5150

Dear Ms. Schroeder:

On November 7, 2000, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(C) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and close the file as it pertains to you. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after it has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

The Commission reminds you that making a contribution to a state party committee in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceeds \$5,000 is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(C). You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jamila I. Wyatt".

Jamila I. Wyatt
Attorney

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

RESPONDENT: Mary Schroeder

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by an audit of Missouri Democratic State Committee (the "Committee") and Donna Knight, as treasurer, undertaken in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 438(b).

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

No person shall make contributions to any other political committee in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(C). The Commission found that Mary Schroeder made a contribution of \$10,250 to the Committee, which exceeds the limitation by \$5,250. Therefore the Commission found reason to believe that Mary Schroeder violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(C).¹

¹ The Committee made an untimely refund of \$5,250 to Ms. Schroeder representing the excessive portion of her contribution.