



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736
The Rick Hill for Congress Committee
and Gary F. Demaree, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Laham:

This is to advise you that on September 20, 2001, the Commission considered the recommendations made in the General Counsel's Brief and the arguments presented in the Response submitted by you on behalf of your clients, the Rick Hill for Congress Committee and Gary F. Demaree, as treasurer. The Commission was equally divided on whether to find probable cause to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441b or 441a(f). Accordingly, the file has been closed in these matters as they pertain to the Committee and to its treasurer. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow once the entire file has been closed.

These matters will become public within 30 days after they have been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed. Please be advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until that time. In the event your clients wish to waive confidentiality under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A), written notice of the waiver must be submitted to the Commission. Receipt of the waiver will be acknowledged in writing by the Commission.

If you have any questions, you may contact Marianne Abely, the attorney assigned to this case. Ms. Abely may be reached at (202) 694-1596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence H. Norton".

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

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