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RE: Jan Schneider, Respondent
Schneider for Congress
487 Meadowlark Drive
Sarasota, FL 34236
Committee ID - C00374751

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Dear Sir:

During the 2002 election cycle I was a volunteer working for the Schneider for Congress Committee. While I was not privy to the exact amounts of contributions received, I do have sufficient knowledge to believe that the information contained herein is true and accurate.

I have recently reviewed amended FEC reports filed with your agency by Ms. Schneider on February 27, 2003 (FEC 77616) and again on February 28, 2003 (FEC 77617). Upon examination, I was shocked to discover that Ms. Schneider has significantly under reported contributions to her campaign. Specifically, the following discrepancies were noted when I reviewed the reports:

1. FEC 57149 & FEC 57609 listed \$16,641.00 in unitemized contributions on line 11(a)(ii).

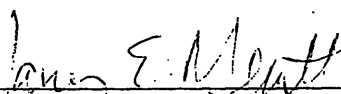
As amended by FEC 77617, Ms. Schneider now reports only \$1,600.00 in unitemized contributions for the period October 1, 2002 to October 16, 2002. I am certain that the campaign received substantially more contributions of \$200.00 or less than reported. This information may be verified with Misty Smeltzer, a campaign employee, at 941-922-0345 or the former treasurer, Carroll Johnson.

2. FEC 54387 listed \$11,965.00 in unitemized contributions on line 11(a)(ii).

As amended by FEC 77616, Ms. Schneider now reports only \$200.00 in unitemized contributions for the period August 22, 2002 to September 30, 2002. I am certain that the campaign received substantially more contributions of \$200.00 or less than reported. This information may be verified with Misty Smeltzer, a campaign employee, at 941-922-0345 or the former treasurer, Carroll Johnson.

I trust you will be as alarmed by this information as I was.

I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.


James E. Merritt, Complainant
5013 Bayshore Road
Sarasota, Florida 34234

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA, to wit:

On February 21, 2003, before me, the undersigned officer, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid State of Florida and County of Sarasota, personally appeared James E. Merritt, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Affidavit and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.


, Notary Public

My commission expires:



Debbie L. Roginski
MY COMMISSION # 00022349 EXPIRES
May 1, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.