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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

ATTN: Dawn R. Jackson
General Counsel's Office
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5364
Rod Grams for U.S. Senate and Christine Grams, as Treasurer

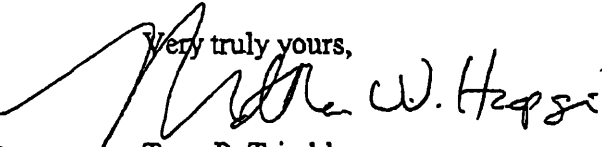
Dear Ms. Jackson:

The undersigned represents Rod Grams for U.S. Senate, a Federal Election Commission ("Commission") candidate committee ("Committee") and Christine Grams, as Treasurer of the Committee (collectively, "Respondents") with respect to the reason to believe finding issued by the FEC dated May 8, 2002 related to the above matter.

We understand that Christine Grams has been in contact with your office regarding this matter, and that Ms. Grams did not actually retrieve the Commission's May 8, 2003 correspondence until yesterday (Tuesday, May 28, 2003) as the correspondence was sent to an office where the mail is checked infrequently. The Committee and Ms. Grams have retained the undersigned to represent them in this matter at this time, and on behalf of Respondents we hereby request that Respondents be granted an extension for an additional twenty (20) days to respond to this reason to believe finding.

The undersigned need this time to review the reason to believe finding, as well as to consult with our clients to develop an adequate factual and legal response to the finding. Please contact either of the undersigned at your earliest convenience regarding this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Christine Grams

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