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September 29, 2003

By FAX: 202-219-3923

Ms. Alva Smith
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463-0002

Re: MUR 5386

Dear Ms. Smith:

Following up on our earlier telephone conversation, I am writing to request an extension of time in which to respond in the above-referenced matter until October 23, 2003. I am requesting this extension on behalf of all the respondents for whom I have been designated counsel -- the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL), MNPL Treasurer Warren Mart, District Lodge 141-M, and Local Lodge 1487.

This extension is necessary because the investigation into the allegations raised in the complaint involves examination of extensive records, many of which are not physically located in this area. In addition, power outages and closures due to Hurricane Isabel has delayed the retrieval and reviewing of files here at the PAC's headquarters in Maryland. Finally, I am attempting to coordinate with outside counsel who was not available last week and I am scheduled to be out of town on previous assignments next week.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

IAM LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By:

Mary I. McHugh
Associate General Counsel

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