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Via Facsimile  
Kim C. Stevenson.  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5393

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

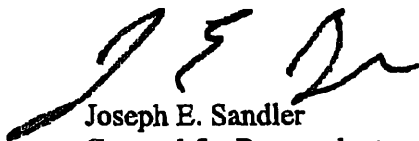
The undersigned represents respondent New Jersey Democratic State Committee (the "State Party") in the above-referenced MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel has been faxed to you under separate cover; another copy is attached for your ready reference.

The events in the complaint took place more than a year ago. It will take some time to gather and review the relevant documents, and interview the current and/or former employees of the State Party who may have any knowledge of these events. These steps will take some additional time by reason of the coming Thanksgiving holidays.

For these reasons, we respectfully request an extension of fifteen (15) days in which to file a response to the complaint. The complaint was received by the State Party on November 10. If this request is granted, the State Party's response to the complaint would be due on Wednesday, December 10, 2003.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph E. Sandler  
Counsel for Respondent  
New Jersey Democratic State Committee

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