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RE: MUR 5411
State Senator Jackie Winters
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Jackie Winters for Congress 2004 and
Warren J. Thompson, as Treasurer

Dear Messrs. Ginsberg and Willard:

The Federal Election Commission previously notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On December 9, 2004, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients, Oregon State Senator Jackie Winters; Jackie Winters for Congress 2004, Inc. and Warren J. Thompson as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d and 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(c)(2)(v), with respect to the lack of an appropriate disclaimer on the letter at issue in the supplement to the original complaint. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action other than to send a letter of admonishment and closed its file.

In addition, the Commission found no reason to believe that Oregon State Senator Jackie Winters; Jackie Winters for Congress 2004, Inc. and Warren J. Thompson as treasurer; Friends of Jackie Winters and Warren J. Thompson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1) as alleged in the original complaint or 2 U.S.C. § 441d and 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(c)(2)(v) regarding the e-mail at issue in the supplement to the original complaint. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

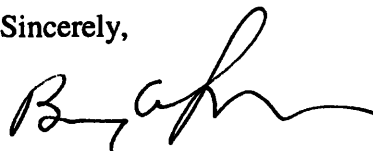
The Commission reminds your clients that failing to include the appropriate disclaimer on a letter (as part of a mass mailing) is a violation of the Act. 2 U.S.C. § 441d and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(c)(2)(v). You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Audra L. Wassom, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Bradley A. Smith
Chairman

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cc: candidate