



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

BY HAND DELIVERY

July 12, 2005

Brian Svoboda, Esq.
Perkins Coie LLP
607 Fourteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-2011

Re: MUR 5611
Missouri Democratic State Committee
and Rod Anderson, in his official capacity
as treasurer

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

On July 12, 2005, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that your client, the Missouri Democratic State Committee and Rod Anderson, in his official capacity as treasurer (the "MDSC"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434b and 441b(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with its activities in the 2000 election cycle, specifically: its acceptance of prohibited contributions, reporting of excessive and prohibited contributions, misstatement of financial activities, and reporting of debt.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission. Although I am hopeful that this matter can be settled through a conciliation agreement, please be advised that unless we are able to conciliate this matter, the Commission has authorized this Office to institute a civil suit in U.S. District Court.

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If you have any questions about the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Beth Mizuno, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1573.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
by *[Signature]*

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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