

Holland Knight

Tel 202 955 3000
Fax 202 955 5564

Holland & Knight LLP
2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20006
www.hklaw.com

Douglas J Patton
202 828 1893
douglas.patton@hklaw.com

RECEIVED
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

2005 MAR 28 P 5:01

VIA FAX 202-219-3923

March 28, 2005

Mr. Mark Allen
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5645
Highmark, Inc.
David O'Brien
George Grode

Dear Mr. Allen:

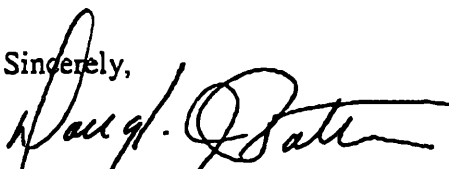
I am writing to seek a ten day extension of time in the above-referenced proceeding.

We need the additional time to resolve issues related to our responses to the February 25, 2005 Notification with Factual and Legal Analysis which indicated the Federal Election Commission had found reason to believe Highmark, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C. §§441b(a) and 441c(a)(1) and David O'Brien violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a), and the February 25, 2005 Notification with Factual and Legal Analysis which indicated the Federal Election Commission had found reason to believe George Grode consented to corporate expenditures in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Douglas J. Patton, Esq.

27044154350