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May 26, 2006

BY HAND

Kimberly Hart, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5741

Dear Ms. Hart:

I write on behalf of the Charlie Melancon Campaign Committee, the respondent in the above-referenced matter. The Committee has received the Commission's finding.

The Committee's treasurer has been traveling outside the continental United States since before the complaint was received. When he returns, a Statement of Designation of Counsel will be executed and provided.

The Committee will require additional time to respond to the Commission's finding. The report at issue in this matter was filed nearly eighteen months ago, at a moment when the campaign had just wound down and the Congressman was preparing to be sworn in. The circumstances surrounding the preparation and filing of this report involved an array of individuals – some of whom are no longer associated with the Committee; others of whom have since been extensively involved in addressing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which seriously affected Congressman Melancon's district. The Committee will need further information from these individuals to respond effectively

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Accordingly, the Committee requests an extension to respond to the Commission's finding until Friday, June 30, 2006. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 434-1654 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Svoboda", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian G. Svoboda

Counsel to the Charlie Melancon Campaign Committee

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