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BY FACSIMILE

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 and Jess Waguespack, in his official capacity as treasurer. I received the General Counsel's brief in the above-referenced matter on Wednesday, October 11, thus making Respondents' response due on Thursday, October 26.

Respondents would request some additional time to respond to the General Counsel's brief. The pendency of the November 7 general election, in particular, makes this a very difficult time for the Committee and counsel to respond. While noting that the conduct at issue occurred less than two years ago, and that there are no statute of limitations pressures in the matter as it now stands, the Committee would respectfully request an extension to respond until Friday, November 10, 2006.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 434-1654 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Brian G. Svoboda

Counsel to the Charlie Melancon Campaign Committee and Jess Waguespack, in his official capacity as treasurer

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