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Federal Election Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
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Attn: Tracey L. Ligon

Re: MUR 5742

Dear Ms. Ligon:

I am writing in response to the Commission's letter to Richard Pilhorn, Treasurer of the Bill McCollum for U.S. Senate Committee. The Commission's letter was received on May 30. I was contacted and retained as counsel in this matter on June 1.

As is apparent from the General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis, the alleged violation in this MUR arises from a Pre-Primary Report of the Committee filed approximately 20 months ago. The Committee filed a termination report more than a year ago, unaware that there were any outstanding issues with the Commission. For these reasons, it is clear why it will take some time to collect the appropriate documents and information to respond to the General Counsel's Analysis.

I am requesting a 20-day extension in time to file our response to the Commission's letter. This extension will likely result in an earlier resolution of this matter than requiring an incomplete, partial response in the brief time provided in the Commission original communication.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with your office in a cooperative manner on this matter.

Sincerely,



E. Mark Braden

Encl.

Cc: Richard Pilhorn

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**Statement of Designation of Counsel
(Respondent/Witness)**

MUR: 5742

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The above named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

6-1-2006
Date

Richard L. Pilhorn
Signature

Name (Print): Richard L. Pilhorn, Treasurer

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