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Federal Election Commission
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Complaint to Federal Election Commission re Exclusion of David Sole from Michigan Senate Debate

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a U.S. Senate candidate running on the Green Party ticket on the ballot in the State of Michigan. My name is: David Sole, home address, [REDACTED] Detroit, MI 48224, and office address is 5920 Second Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. I can be reached by telephone at 313-680-5508.

I recently became apprised the Detroit Economic Club, a non-profit organization which receives tremendous amounts of corporate funding (See Exhibit A), is sponsoring a U.S. Senate candidates debate on October 18, 2006. (See Exhibit B). To my knowledge, only the Democratic and Republican candidates, Debbie Stabenow and Michael Bouchard, have been invited to this debate.

I contacted the Economic Club via Certified Mail and email on September 21, 2006, requesting to be included in the debate. I asked for a response to this request by September 28, 2006. I have not received any response to this request as of today.

I believe that the Detroit Economic Club is violating election law in at least two ways:

1. 11 CFR 110.13(c) provides that organizations staging debates cannot use belonging to the Democrats and Republicans as the criteria for who gets invited to the debates, and must use pre-established objective criteria to determine which candidates may participate. Since the Detroit Economic Club never responded to my letter requesting inclusion in the debate, I must assume that the only basis for my exclusion was that I am not a Democrat or Republican. I believe the law is quite clear that they cannot establish new criteria after the fact, and their lack of response to my letter certainly is indicative that there were no pre-established objective criteria other than belonging to the two so-called "major" parties or they would have sent me those criteria.

2. 11 CFR 110.13(a) provides that staging organizations cannot support or oppose political candidates or political parties. A look at the corporate sponsorship for Detroit Economic Club which is an avowedly big business organizations demonstrates that they clearly oppose my candidacy as I am a socialist who is against big business and their policies of profits before people, as well their support for imperialist wars abroad.

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Recent opinion polls have demonstrated that approximately 60-65% of the U.S. Population oppose the U.S. wars against and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. As an anti-war candidate, my views on this issue reflects the majority sentiment, in contrast to Debbie Stabenow and Michael Bouchard, who are both supporters of the U.S. wars.

I am asking you for expedited action on this complaint so that this violation of the law is not allowed to occur. The debate is scheduled for October 18, 2006 in Detroit.

Sincerely,



David Sole

Green Party candidate for U.S. Senate

cc. Debbie Stabenow
Michael Bouchard
Detroit Economic Club

Sincerely,

David Sole

U.S. Senate Candidate on the Green Party ticket

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