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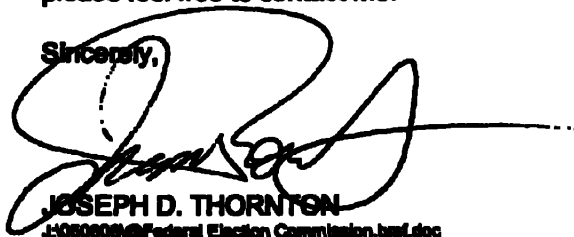
Our firm represents the Iowa Christian Alliance. I am writing to you in response to the letter dated December 2, 2008 regarding the above-mentioned matter. It is my client's position that there has been absolutely no violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the "Act"). Addressing the items that were attached to the Complaint, it is not entirely clear what the alleged violation was. As to the newsletter dated September 12, 2008, the newsletter carried an article by Norm Pawlewski. It was not the intent for the guess editorial to violate any election laws. It was strictly setting out Mr. Pawlewski's opinions.

The statement concerning the Iowa Christian Alliance's position regarding endorsement of candidates is accurate.

With regard to the invitation that was sent out by Kim Lehman, that e-mail was sent out personally by Kim Lehman. It was not sent out through anything related to the Iowa Christian Alliance. As you will note from the e-mail itself, there is no mention of the Iowa Christian Alliance in any shape, form or fashion. While the president of Iowa Christian Alliance is Steve Scheffler, Mr. Scheffler was sending that out in his capacity as an individual. While the Iowa Christian Alliance does not agree that it was outside Board policy, if Mr. Scheffler's lending his name to the e-mail that was sent by Kim Lehman was beyond the Board's policy concerning endorsing of a candidate, that is an internal matter for the Iowa Christian Alliance and is not a violation of the federal election laws.

Enclosed is the Statement of Designation of Counsel. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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