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Mr. Larry Norton
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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Dear Mr. Norton:

A review of recent filings (October 15 Quarterly Report) of LeSueur for Congress 04 (Committee ID: C00394304) revealed the following violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA), as amended. The following outline provides details violations of our campaign finance laws:

1. The Committee paid the candidate a reported \$3,402 in August. Those salary payments are in clear violation of FEC guidance regarding "Use of Campaign Accounts for Non-Campaign Purposes (2 U.S.C. 439a)," which restricts the amount a candidate can be paid by his/her committee to an amount not to exceed the rate of pay the candidate received prior to his candidacy.

The Committee has clearly violated the letter and spirit of our campaign finance and election laws. I trust that a prompt and full investigation into these charges is forthcoming. If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 25 day of October, 2004

Notary Public

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