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September 21, 1998

VIA TELECOPY AND BY HAND

Ms. Alva E. Smith
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4800 -- Request for Extension

Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of Michigan Automotive Compress, Inc. ("MACI"), we hereby request a 30-day extension of time to prepare and file a statement, pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.6(a), setting forth reasons why the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") should take no action in the referenced matter. The basis for the requested extension are set forth below.

First, MACI received the Commission's letter and the complaint on September 8th. This firm was initially contacted by MACI concerning the matter on September 10th, and did not receive an executed Statement of Designation until September 15th. Nevertheless, based upon 11 C.F.R. 111.6(a), we calculate that, in the absence of an extension of time, MACI's response would be due on September 23rd, a mere eight calendar days after our designation as counsel.

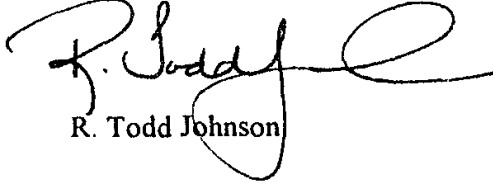
Second and more important, based upon preliminary discussions with MACI, we understand that several employees or former employees of MACI or its affiliates are named respondents in MUR 4800. MACI is attempting to contact such employees or former employees to ascertain whether joint representation is appropriate and feasible and believes that several (if not all) of these employees or former employees will participate in a joint representation by this firm.

Therefore, in addition to investigating the facts on behalf of MACI, locating and contacting certain current or former employees, and determining whether joint representation is feasible and appropriate, we believe we will be investigating allegations relating to various of the current or former employees of MACI and its affiliates. Accordingly, we hereby request a thirty (30) day extension of time so that our response would be due on or before close of business on October 23, 1998.

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We look forward to your response to our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 879-4640.

Sincerely,



R. Todd Johnson