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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 5026

July 21, 2000

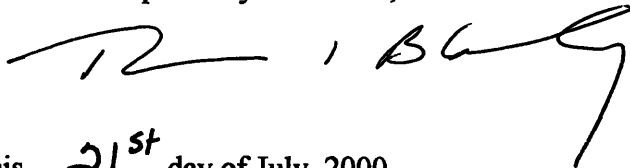
Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter responds to the June 15, 2000 Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") letter I received notifying me of a complaint filed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ("DCCC") in the above referenced Matter Under Review ("MUR"). This complaint should be dismissed because it appears to be nothing more than a political effort to create a controversy and generate headlines.

The complaint does not allege nor does it offer any evidence that the advertisements expressly advocated the election or defeat of any federal candidate. Moreover, the coordination allegations contained in the complaint do not rise to the level necessary to convert issue advocacy advertisements into campaign contributions or excessive contributions. In fact, John Sheridan, the spokesman for Citizens for Tax Reform, is quoted in the articles attached to the complaint as specifically denying any connection to the Zimmer campaign.

The Commission should dismiss the complaint and take no further action because it is nothing more than an effort to generate headlines.

Respectfully submitted,



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July, 2000.

Bridget Capasso
Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 5/23/2005

My Commission expires: _____



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