

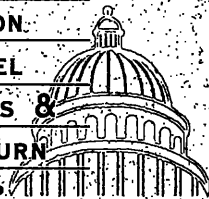
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**VIA FACSIMILE & REGULAR MAIL**

Alva Smith, Paralegal  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Friends of Joe Baca -- MUR 5078

Dear Ms. Smith:

This firm represents the Friends of Joe Baca campaign. As we discussed, I write to request an extension of 30 days to file a written response, through Friday, October 13, 2000. We are just now getting involved and examining relevant information. Reviewing the voluminous reports and relevant information in order to provide a coherent response will take well beyond the 15-day period.

I will send a signed designation of counsel form to the attention of Jeff Jordan under separate cover. Thank you for your consideration; please advise whether an extension is acceptable as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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