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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 5475 and 5489
Oregon Republican Party and
Charles Oakes, in his official capacity as
treasurer, and Kevin Mannix

Dear Mr. Connolly:

On July 13, 2004, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Oregon Republican Party and Charles Oakes, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Kevin Mannix of a complaint in MUR 5475 alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). On February 10, 2005, the Commission severed the allegations in the complaint in MUR 5475 pertaining to your clients and transferred them to MUR 5489 and closed MUR 5475.

On June 23, 2005, the Commission considered MUR 5489 and determined, based on the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe the Oregon Republican Party and Charles Oakes, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Kevin Mannix violated the Act with respect to this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in MUR 5489.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Beth Mizuno, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel



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