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**VIA FACSIMILE AT (202) 219-3923
AND FIRST-CLASS U.S. MAIL**

Peter G. Blumberg
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

**RE: MUR 5623
Mike D. Crotts
Mike Crotts for Congress Committee, Inc.**

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Dear Mr. Blumberg:

This letter is sent in an effort to resolve this Matter Under Review. On March 31, 2004, Mike D. Crotts loaned Mike Crotts for Congress, Inc. [hereinafter "the campaign"] \$ 400,000.00. Prior to March 31, 2004, Mr. Crotts did not intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount. On April 15, 2004, the campaign filed FEC Form 3, which disclosed all of Mr. Crotts' personal loans to the campaign, including the \$ 400,000.00 loan on March 31, 2004. As of April 15, 2004, each candidate for Georgia Congressional House District 8 was acutely aware of the fact that Mr. Crotts had exceeded the threshold amount. The major newspaper in Georgia, The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, reported on Mr. Crotts' loan to the campaign.

According to facts as set forth by the FEC, a letter dated April 20, 2004 was sent by the FEC to Mr. Crotts and the campaign reminding the campaign to file FEC Form 10. Mr. Crotts and the campaign never received the letter sent by the FEC dated April 20, 2004. Mr. Crotts and the campaign has had difficulty receiving mail. (See Affidavit of Dan Davis, attached as Exhibit A).

On May 18, 2004, Ms. Camilla Raminski from the FEC Reports Analysis Division contacted the campaign to inquire as to the failure to file FEC Form 10. This was the first time that the campaign was aware that it had missed a deadline to file FEC Form 10. The campaign apologized to Ms. Raminski for its oversight and pledged to remedy the situation. The campaign immediately filed FEC Form 10 and notified all candidates of its failure to file FEC Form 10.

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Mr. Crotts and the campaign sincerely regrets their failure to timely file FEC Form 10. As soon as the campaign was aware of its omission, the campaign hastily corrected its error. Neither Mr. Crotts nor any member of the campaign acted willfully or in bad faith in failing to timely file FEC Form 10. Mr. Crotts respectfully requests that the FEC accept his apology and refrain from issuing a civil penalty.

--- If you would like to interview or take a deposition of Mr. Crotts or any member of the campaign, please give me a call and we will arrange the interview or deposition at your convenience. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Erik H. Olson
Attorney at Law

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AFFIDAVIT

To: Mr. Bradley A. Smith, Chairman
Federal Elections Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

From: Dan Davis, Postmaster
United States Post Office
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Re: Mail Service to State Senator Mike Crotts

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Mr. Smith:

It has been brought to me attention that you have had mail returned to you as undeliverable to Crotts for Congress, Inc. Please be advised that at times during the past year, Senator Crotts has had business, personal and campaign mail returned to senders because of postal error. Our supervisory staff is working with Senator Crotts, attempting to determine the cause of his inconvenient mail interruptions. Although I cannot provide you with a specific explanation or cause at this time, I and my staff are working with Senator Crotts and his present mail carrier to correct the problem.

It is my desire as Postmaster to offer quality service to our postal patrons. I assure you that I, nor my staff, will be satisfied until this matter is resolved. Please accept my apology for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you need further information or need to contact me on this matter, please call me at 678 432-4403.

Respectfully,


Dan Davis
Postmaster
McDonough, Ga. 30253


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