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P.O. BOX 5307, RENO, NV 89513

July 21, 1998

Joan D. Aikens  
Chairman  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C.  
Fax No. 202 219 0174

Dear Chairman Aikens,

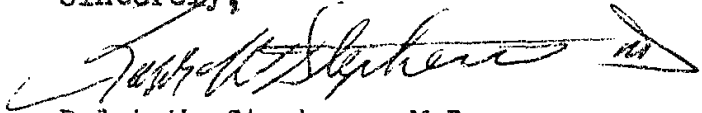
It has come to my attention that the Republican National Committee committed party funds illegally to my opponent John Ensign in the Republican primary race for U.S. Senator from Nevada.

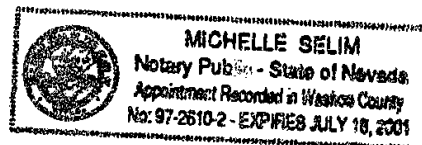
It is my understanding that funds were committed and used to produce campaign material showing paid by NRC prior to the deadline for filing May 18, 1998.

Since that time national party figures ie Senator Trent Lott and Nevada party brokers ie former U.S. Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, former Gov. Robert List and Nevada State Party Chairman John Mason have acted to modify any criticism of premature endorsement and support in primary races.

This represents a formal complaint to the FEC charging the above mentioned with illegal use of NRC funds in a primary election and conspiracy to deflect and soften its impact on disclosure.

Sincerely,

  
Ralph W. Stephens, M.D.  
Candidate for U.S. Senator for Nevada



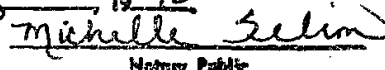
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State of Nevada  
County of Washoe

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Michelle Selim  
Notary Public

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ing are the ones that occur when the quakes took place.

"Until our recent excavation had no clue that an earthquake of a magnitude 7.5 had ever occurred in this region," Rubin said.

Such quakes are far stronger than

earthquakes really requires that policymakers, engineers, urban planners seriously take note and ask the question, 'Are there things we can do to help safeguard property and lives should an event like this occur, even though it may be a fairly

Omerville added: "To be fair, the big to emphasize is these big earthquakes are infrequent and so the likelihood we will actually live through one of these earthquakes is quite low."

# Cities eye possible suits against handgun makers

CHICAGO (AP) — Taking a cue from successful tobacco lawsuits, officials of at least two cities — Chicago and Philadelphia — are thinking of taking similar action against handgun makers.

They want companies to pay for everything from the cost of a murder investigation to the \$200 or so it costs to hose blood off city streets.

"You have to have somebody to haul the body away. You have to go back and start the initial investigation, and so on and so on. ... You're looking at literally thousands of dollars," says Patrick Camden, a Chicago police spokesman.

Chicago's lawyers are looking at ways handgun makers market their wares. They say some companies play up features that might appeal to gang members and other criminals — including an oil-resistant surface that evades fingerprints and a small size that makes a gun easier to hide.

"They make weapons more dangerous than they have to be and then they brag about it," says Lawrence Rosenthal, Chicago's deputy corporation counsel who's leading the lawsuit research.

Several private lawsuits around the country also take issue with handgun makers' marketing techniques. One filed last month in Chicago, Young vs. Bryco Arms, accuses manufacturers of making, advertising and selling guns that are public nuisances and appeal to criminals.

"They know damned well when they send those guns off the shipping docks that there are a couple of murders in those crates," says Stephen Young, whose 19-year-old son, Andrew, was gunned down in 1996 as he drove down an Evanston, Ill., street.

But one law professor, Dan Polsby of Northwestern University, thinks the lawsuits are weak — particularly one in New York that claims gunmakers and sellers have created an oversupply of guns in Southern states that travel northward on an "iron pipeline."

"It is remarkably, remarkably silly," says Polsby, an authority on firearms law.

But he adds that he thought much the same of the tobacco lawsuits.

"The example of cigarettes should

fail a lot of times in a row before they start to succeed," Polsby says.

In one earlier lawsuit in New York, a federal court jury in March decided that a gun company and its owners were not responsible for an attack in which a young man was killed on the Brooklyn Bridge. Jurors agreed with the defense, which argued that a manufacturer cannot control what is done with its weapons after they are sold.

A spokesman at Bryco Arms, the California-based company that made the semiautomatic 9 mm handgun that gang members used to kill Andrew Young, says his father's assertion is ludicrous. Bruce Jennings said the company's ads are low-key and target law-abiding citizens who buy guns for sport or protection.

A lawyer for another handgun maker said any legal action should target the shooter, not the gun.

"Nobody wins when legal products are used illegally and harm some-

body. Nobody wins when cars are stolen to commit crimes. Nobody wins when people drive drunk," says Anne Kimball, an attorney for Massachusetts-based Smith & Wesson. "But to try to ascribe the blame to the manufacturer doesn't ... attack the real area of concern."

That's part of the point Smith & Wesson and other handgun makers, including Glock Inc., have been making in private talks with representatives from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Philadelphia officials have been part of the talks and have, so far, held off on filing their lawsuit.

Officials of several other cities, including Detroit, are watching closely and considering filing their own lawsuits.

"We need to see progress, or we're going to have to get a little more aggressive," says Anthony Neely, a spokesman for Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

## Reid's fundraising

CARSON CITY (AP) — Over the past three months, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., continued to raise more money than Rep. John Ensign, his Republican opponent in the race for U.S. Senate.

But Reid also has spent more, allowing Ensign to narrow the gap in the amount of money the two have available to spend before the November general election.

Both candidates have raised more than \$1 million so far this year, according to reports they filed this week with the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

Reid collected \$710,137 in campaign donations from April through June, the period detailed in the latest report. Ensign took in \$574,740 for the same period. But Reid spent \$542,489 compared to Ensign's \$317,987.

At the end of June, Reid still had \$1.7 million left in the bank while Ensign reported nearly \$1.5 million.

Both continue to raise money aggressively in what has developed into a major race, one monitored by politicians and pundits trying to predict the makeup of the U.S. Senate next year.

Individual contributors provided

past quarter — \$518,662. Reid's donations from political action committees accounted for \$190,037.

The breakdown for Ensign included \$328,543 in individual contributions and \$186,158 from political action committees. The 2-term congressman also received \$10,000 from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Ensign, a veterinarian and former casino executive whose father is chairman and chief executive officer of Circus Circus, got generous contributions from the casino industry.

Prominent contributors to Ensign's campaign included International Game Technology chairman Charles Mathewson of Reno and Las Vegas casino executive Frank Fertitta who donated \$1,000 each. Fertitta also gave Ensign \$1,000 earlier to raise his total to \$2,000.

Ensign also got \$1,000 from Mark Juliano, president of Caesars Palace in Atlantic City.

Gaming PACs representing Circus Circus, Boyd Gaming and Mirage Resorts Inc. contributed \$5,000 each to Ensign. Showboat gave him \$2,500 and

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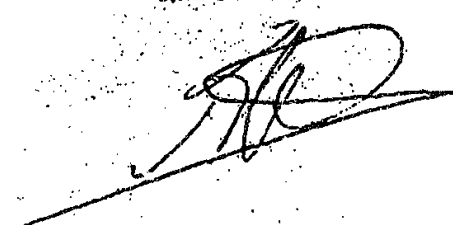
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July 29, 1998

SPEECH PRESENTED TO  
REPUBLICAN MEN-WOMENS CLUB OF RENO  
Wednesday July 29, 1998  
Holiday Inn Sky Room, Reno, NV

BY  
RALPH W. STEPHENS, M.D.  
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE  
FOR NEVADA

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Republican Candidates meeting  
 Republican Men-Women Club of Reno  
 Holiday Inn 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 6<sup>th</sup> St. Reno, NV.  
 July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1998 (Wednesday)

Ralph W. Stephens, M.D.

Final Draft

Ladies and Gentlemen and Fellow Republicans

My name is Ralph Stephens and I am  
 running for the U.S. Senate

I'm a native Nevadan

Born in Las Vegas

Educated at Harvard

A physician in Reno for the last 29 years

I'm a family man with 3 children, 6 grandchildren  
 and a wife of 44 years.

I'm in my prime physically, mentally and  
 intellectually and take Public  
 Service seriously.

Politically I'm a  
 Fiscal Conservative  
 Advocate of local control  
 and

Populist

I run on a platform of  
 Health

Security and  
 Wellbeing

Specifically

- Managed Health care needs to be revamped
- Social Security simplified
- Juvenile justice system and family  
 Court system supported  
 and

- The Cultural Richness of Our Society promoted  
 with Cultural Block Grants

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It has become abundantly clear in my campaigns that Campaigns reform legislation is essential

In spite of Federal Election laws on the books, Federal Election laws are being broken with impunity and arrogance.

I am not backed by special interest groups.

I do not approve of promotion and legislation to benefit special interest groups for political support at the expense of the Public - be it

Prison Constructors  
Highway Constructors  
Nuclear waste  
Medical waste  
Land transfer fraud

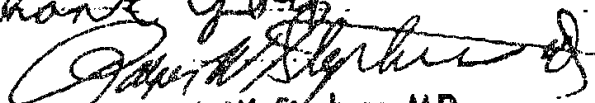
or  
for the benefit of political cronies  
and power brokers.

My opponent in the September Republican primary is weak and culpable and incapable of beating the Democratic incumbent

I have no such weakness and can

I ask for your support and Vote in the Sept. Primary

Thank You



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