



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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**RE: MUR 5453
Salvatore Trovato**

Dear Messrs. Jowers and Birkenstock:

On October 17, 2005, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your client, Salvatore Trovato, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(3), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with Mr. Trovato's excessive contribution to the Giordano for U.S. Senate Committee.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission has authorized this Office to institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

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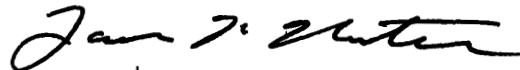
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Letter to Messrs. Jowers, Esq. and Birkenstock, Esq.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Christine C. Gallagher, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1505.

Sincerely,



Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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