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Ms. Kim C. Stevenson
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Re: MUR 5493
Primary Respondent: Jeff Smith
Friends of Jeff Smith

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

As you will note from the Statement of Designation of Counsel accompanying this letter, we represent Jeff Smith, the Primary Respondent, in MUR 5493. The letter to Friends of Jeff Smith with enclosures was dated August 3, 2004. The relevant regulations afford a respondent fifteen (15) days from receipt of a copy of the complaint to respond (11 C.F.R. §111.6). Under 11 C.F.R. §111.2 (computation of time), a response would be due today.

We are requesting an additional fifteen (15) days in which to respond in order to demonstrate that no action should be taken on the basis of the complaint. Because of a series of circumstances, Mr. Smith was unable to engage this firm to represent him until the end of last week. First, the address to which the Commission addressed its letter was the building that served earlier in the campaign cycle as campaign headquarters for Friends of Jeff Smith. This delayed receipt of the packet. Mr. Smith was out of town for several days subsequent to Missouri's Primary Election, further delaying his ability to meet with counsel. Consequently, Mr. Smith was unable to consult with us until the end of last week.

We appreciate your consideration. Please advise if you require any further information.

Sincerely yours,

Cades, Sjekol, Goodman
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RE: MUR 5493
Friends of Jeff Smith

Dear Mr. Sokol:

This is in response to your letter dated August 24, 2004, which we received on that day requesting a 15-day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before September 9, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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