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Altria Group Inc. Political Action Committee (Altriapac) submits this letter in response to the Commission's letter dated January 19th, 2005. The Commission's letter concerned "one or more contributions" from Altriapac to Georgians for Isakson for debt retirement. In particular, the Commission advised Altriapac that Georgians for Isakson may not have had sufficient debt to warrant the contributions. We have reviewed the information supplied by the Commission and can report as follows. On November 17, 2004, Altriapac made two contributions of \$2,500 each to Georgians for Isakson. One contribution was for primary debt retirement. The other contribution was for general election debt retirement. The contributions were then reported on Altriapac's 30 Day Post-General Election report filed on December 2, 2004. Before Altriapac made the contributions, Georgians for Isakson advised it that sufficient debt remained to warrant the contributions. After the contributions were made, however, Georgians for Isakson advised Altriapac that its primary debt had been fully retired and that it could not accept Altriapac's contribution for primary debt retirement. Georgians for Isakson refunded that contribution on February 3, 2005. The refund will, of course, be reflected on Altriapac's March 2005 monthly report. (A copy of the refund check is being sent to the Commission under separate letter.) Upon receipt of the Commission's letter, Altriapac again asked Georgians for Isakson whether it had sufficient general election debt remaining to warrant Altriapac's contribution for general election debt retirement. Georgians for Isakson confirmed that it did. As a consequence, Altriapac understands that the contribution was permissible and that no refund is required. We hope and trust that this resolves the questions raised in the Commission's letter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other questions or concerns.