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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Honorable Samuel B. Graves, Jr.
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Candidate ID Number: H0MO05073

Dear Mr. Graves:

This letter constitutes formal written notification that Graves for Congress is filing reports of receipts and disbursements (FEC FORM 3) that appear to be for the 2004 election.

A review of these reports indicates that your principal campaign committee has accepted contributions and/or made expenditures in support of your 2004 candidacy in excess of $5,000, thus meeting the definition of "candidate" per Federal Election Campaign Laws. (11 CFR §100.3(a))

You must either disavow these activities by notifying the Commission in writing that you are not a candidate, or redesignate your principal campaign committee by filing a Statement of Candidacy (FEC FORM 2) within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. The FEC FORM 2 can be downloaded from the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. (11 CFR §101.1(a))

Please note that Senate candidates must send a copy of their Statement of Candidacy to the FEC via fax (202-219-0174) or electronic mail (2022190174@fec.gov), in addition to filing their official copy on paper with the Secretary of the Senate. (11 CFR §400.20(b)(1))

Further, candidates for both the Senate and House of Representatives are required to send a copy of their Statement of Candidacy or the information required therein, including the amount by which they intend to exceed the threshold amount, to each of their opposing candidates via fax or electronic mail. (11 CFR §400.20(b)(1) and (2)) Fax numbers and e-mail addresses are located within a committee's Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) and can be found on the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov.