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Reference: Amended Year-End Report 7/1/97 - 12/31/97 dated 6/25/98

Dear Ms. Manzano:

After spending several hours of each of the last four working days with our software technical support people at Capitol Hill Software, Inc. located at 4325-E Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706, phone (301) 459-2590, FAX (301) 459-1531 (attention: Michael Tribiano) and performing several recalculations, we were advised that the numbers we submitted are correct.

We also went back over the numbers for 1/1/97 - 6/30/97 and those were also found to be correct, based on an audit performed by Price Waterhouse in February 1998. I am attaching a copy of a letter sent to Scott Francis on 3/27/98 advising him of problems encountered when Doug Crew and I came into governmental affairs positions a year ago. Price Waterhouse provided us with a starting-point figure to use as a balance for end-of-year 1996. We have taken that figure and amended all 1997 reports. Our 1998 reports have been based on amended 1997 report figures.

I hope this response is satisfactory and our report no longer "appears to be incorrect." Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vicki Johnson

Contributions Coordinator

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cc: Capitol Hill Software, Inc.
enc: 3/27/98 letter to FEC



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Dear Mr. Francis:

As explained in the letter we sent to you on January 30 (copy enclosed), we have been going through a process to resolve problems in our PAC software records management system. The problems were discovered when new staff took over the Governmental Affairs Division in August 1997.

Price Waterhouse recently completed a comprehensive audit of our PAC records. The enclosed reports for 1997 reflect Price Waterhouse's conclusions. We've also taken additional steps to improve our records management software in order to allow provision of on-time and accurate reports.

Thank you for your patience. Please call if you have questions or we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Two Reports, Letter of 1/30/98

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January 30, 1998

Dear Campaign Expense Report Coordinator:

Enclosed please find a report for the Caterpillar Committee for Effective Government for the current reporting period.

We regret that a persistent problem with the computer software used to manage our political action committee records prevents us from being able to attest to the accuracy of the enclosed report. Despite our best efforts to resolve the difficulty prior to the end of the reporting period, we know some inaccuracies remain. As a result, we've providing the reports unsigned.

Please be assured we're continuing to work to resolve the software problems, and are confident we'll be able to provide complete and accurate reports within the next few weeks, certainly within the second quarter, 1998.

We respectfully ask for your understanding and indulgence. Our goals are the same -- to provide complete and accurate reports. We're committed to doing so.

Thank you for your understanding. We would appreciate hearing from you concerning the contact at your organization with whom we should work on this matter.

Sincerely,



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