FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Honorable Samuel B. Graves, Jr.
1407 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Candidate ID Number: H0MO06073

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 2002 election.

A review of these reports indicates that your principal campaign committee has net debts from the previous election cycle, and has accepted contributions and/or made expenditures in support of your 2002 candidacy in excess of $5,000, thus meeting the definition of "candidate" per Federal Election Campaign Laws. (See 2 U.S.C. §431(2))

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. An FEC FORM 2 is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer E. Pittman in the Reports Analysis Division on the toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). Our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Conway
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