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October 27, 2009

Ms. Madelynn Lane
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Dear Ms. Lane:

I am writing in response to your letter, dated October 22, 2009, regarding the candidate status of Tommy Sowers. Please be advised that Mr. Sowers executed a Statement of Candidacy on September 8, 2009; a photocopy is attached at Exhibit #1. On September 8, 2009 this Statement of Candidacy and the committee's Statement of Organization were sent to the Federal Election Commission via UPS overnight delivery; the UPS package was received by the FEC on September 9, 2009 at 9:38 AM.

Although the Statement of Organization is reflected on the public record with a time stamp of September 9, 2009 at 9:46 AM, the Statement of Candidacy is not. In point of fact, I noticed this absence about a week after the Form 2 was filed; our staff called the FEC on September 17th and was told by several staff members not to worry and that it would take a while before the Form 2 appeared on the website, a function of how often the site was updated with this information.

Upon receipt of your letter on October 26th, a member of my accounting staff had several conversations with members of your staff and staff in the Public Disclosure Division, it now appears the Statement of Candidacy was not processed, nor could the actual document be located.

Therefore, it is Mr. Sowers' position and the committee's position that his Statement of Candidacy was filed timely on September 9, 2009, see Exhibit #1.

Further, in order to ensure that the public record is complete with regard to your question, I request that this correspondence and the photocopy of the original Statement of Candidacy be imaged together and placed on the public record.

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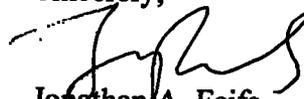
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I trust this is responsive in all respects. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (573) 458-0027.

Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Feifs
Campaign Manager

Encl:

Exhibit #1- Photocopy of Statement of Candidacy, dated September 8, 2009

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FEC FORM 2

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) <u>TOMMY SOWERS</u>			2. Candidate's FEC Identification Number
(b) Address (number and street) <u>P.O. Box 1396</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if address changed	
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code <u>Rolla, MO 65402</u>		3. Is This Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New (N) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Amended (A)	
4. Party Affiliation <u>DEMOCRAT</u>	5. Office Sought <u>U.S. House</u>	6. State & District of Candidate <u>MISSOURI - 8th</u>	

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2010 election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions.

(a) Name of Committee (in full) <u>TOMMY SOWERS FOR CONGRESS</u>
(b) Address (number and street) <u>P.O. Box 1396</u>
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code <u>Rolla, MO 65402</u>

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate 	Date <u>9/8/09</u>
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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