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Dear Ms. Palmer:

This letter responds to the April 22, 2003 letter from the Federal Election Commission (Commission) to Hastert for Congress Committee (HCC) in connection with the above referenced report. Specifically, the Commission inquired about contributor information disclosed on Schedule A and the process used by HCC for requesting contributor information under the Commission's *best efforts* regulations.

As part of our standard procedures, we have sent a stand alone written request for additional information to each contributor listed as *information requested* in Schedule A of the above referenced report. However, as of the date of this letter, we have received additional information from only three contributors. The contributor information will be included in an amended Schedule A for the above referenced report that will be filed with HCC's next regularly scheduled report. If any additional contributor information is received, we will amend our reports accordingly.

HCC employs a process for requesting contributor information that complies with the Commission's *best efforts* regulations. Each solicitation informs the recipient about the reporting requirements under federal law and includes a request for the contributor's name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (See Attachment 1.) The disclaimer appears in a clear and conspicuous manner on each solicitation.

If a contribution is received without the required contributor information, we send the contributor a stand-alone written request for the information. The information requests are sent to these contributors no later than two weeks after we receive their contributions, well within the thirty-day window under Commission regulations. The written request informs the recipient of the requirements under federal law for reporting the contributor information, does not solicit contributions to HCC or any other political committee, and includes a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope. (See attachment 2.)

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