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February 6, 2004

Mr. Ed Ryan
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Mr. Ed Ryan:

Humane USA successfully submitted our July - December 2003 report yesterday after many days of frustration. As you know, we have a new treasurer and she had technical difficulties with the filing. She had it prepared and ready to submit before the January 31 deadline, but the FEC system would not accept it.

When we first called on Monday, we could not get through to anyone and could only leave messages. On Tuesday, we were advised to get a new password that we didn't get until Wednesday. On Wednesday, we still could not get the system to accept the password. We finally got it filed yesterday, February 5, with the assistance of an FEC staff person. Even with that assistance, it was a difficult process.

Humane USA is a non-profit organization run primarily by volunteers and one part-time staff person. We certainly recognize the importance of filing our FEC reports in a timely matter and can assure you that we are taking steps to make sure this never happens again.

If you have any suggestions or questions about Humane USA activities, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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