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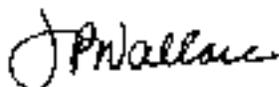
Dear Ms. Kitchen:

Per your letter dated December 1, 2000 regarding contributions made to "Mike DeWine for U.S. Senate", we have requested a refund of the excess contribution in the amount of \$600. A copy of the request to the recipient is enclosed.

As we understand the instructions in your letter, this refund will satisfy the Commission's requirements. Further, no amendment or redesignation of the funds is required, as the refund will be disclosed on Schedule A, supporting Line 16 of our next filing.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 513-579-6191.

Sincerely,



John P. Wallace
Treasurer, Fifth Third Bancorp PAC

Enclosure

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Ms. Jennifer Best
DeWine for U.S. Senate
145 East Rich Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Best:

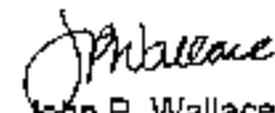
We have been notified by the Federal Election Commission that we have made contributions to the "DeWine for U.S. Senate" general campaign fund in excess of federal contribution limits.

Specifically, contributions in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500, and \$1,000 made on January 7, 1997, August 24, 1999, and November 4, 1999, respectively, were reported as designated to the general election vs. the primary election. Unfortunately, according to FEC guidelines, redesignation of these funds to the primary election would have to had occurred within 60 days of your receipt of the funds.

Therefore, in order for our Committee to meet the Commission's requirements for campaign contributions to Federal candidates, we request a refund of the excess contribution in the amount of \$600.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 513-579-6191.

Sincerely,



John P. Wallace
Treasurer, Fifth Third Bancorp PAC

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