



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Committee ("TidePAC")
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Reference: 1997-1998 Election Cycle Reports

Dear Mr. Dobson:

It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") that your committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. §434(a), by failing to timely file Reports of Receipts and Disbursements. The following is a list of the reports in question.

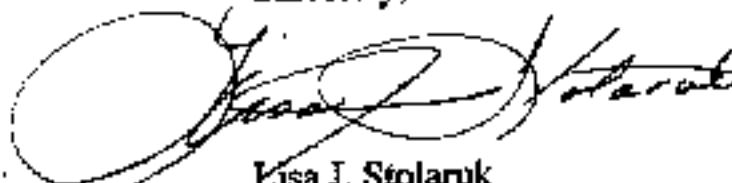
<u>Report Type</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
1998 April Quarterly (1/1/98-3/31/98)	4/15/98	5/12/98
1998 30 Day Post-General (10/1/98-11/23/98)	12/3/98	1/4/99

Timely filing is a specific requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act ("the Act") and is essential to fulfilling the public disclosure concept embodied in that law. The Commission views failure to timely file reports as a serious violation of the Act. This communication is to advise you that, notwithstanding any matters which may be pending before the Commission, any additional report which is not submitted in a timely manner by your committee may result in the Commission initiating legal enforcement or audit action.

You may submit a letter of explanation in response to this notification. If, however, you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Francis on our toll-free

number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa J. Stolaruk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lisa J. Stolaruk
Chief, Party/Non-Party Branch
Reports Analysis Division

