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July 20, 2005

VIA – UPS NEXT BUSINESS DAY DELIVERY

Mr. Michael H. Hartsock
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Hartsock:

This is in response to your letter dated June 22, 2005 regarding a contribution made to Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. by Harleysville Insurance Political Action Committee-Federal (“HIPAC-Fed”).

HIPAC-Fed made a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 on August 27, 2004 to Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. In September 2004, President Bush's and Vice President Cheney's campaign committee accepted public funds for the general election. Had the HIPAC-Fed management committee known that the President and Vice President would be accepting public funds, the contribution would not have been made.

As such, in compliance with FEC regulations and pursuant to your guidance, HIPAC-Fed has requested a refund in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. A copy of the letter, which was mailed on July 19, 2005, via U.S. Express Mail, is enclosed for your records. Upon receipt of the refund, HIPAC-Fed's 2004 October Quarterly Report (07/01/04 to 09/30/04) will be amended electronically. I will also forward a hardcopy of the check to your attention.

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this issue and for providing guidance with regard to the FEC amendment and corrective action process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 215-256-5022.

Sincerely,



Maria B. Kelly

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July 19, 2005

VIA - EXPRESS MAIL

Bush-Cheney '04, Inc.
P.O. Box 10648
Alexandria, VA 22210

Re: PAC Contribution

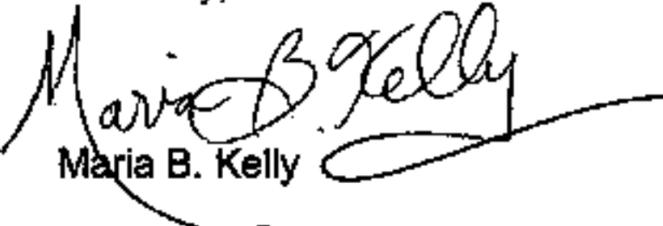
Dear Campaign Manager:

On August 27, 2004, Harleysville Insurance Political Action Committee - Federal ("HIPAC-Fed") contributed \$3,000.00 to the Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. As we recently learned from the Federal Election Commission ("FEC"), please see enclosed letter, President Bush accepted public funds in September 2004, after the date of the HIPAC-Fed contribution.

Under the FEC guidelines, contributions to presidential general election campaigns are not permitted if the presidential candidate receives public funds. As such, we have received notice from the FEC that HIPAC-Fed must request a refund from the Bush-Cheney Campaign Committee. As mandated by the FEC, please forward a refund check in the amount of \$3,000.00 payable to HIPAC-Fed, 355 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438 as soon as possible so that we may comply with FEC regulations.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 215-256-5022. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Maria B. Kelly

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cc: Michael H. Hartsock
Federal Election Commission

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