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RE: **Mainstream PAC**
FEC ID C00343574

Dear Ms. Benitz:

This letter responds to your two letters, each dated February 5, 2003 in reference to our Year End 2001 Report (7/1/01 -- 12/31/01), October Quarterly Report (7/1/02 to 9/30/02), 12 Day Pre General Report (10/1/02 -- 10/16/02), and 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02 -- 11/25/02).

Each letter raised a potential issue about reporting of "administrative expenses" which you apparently believe might have been incurred by the Committee. However, the Committee has reported its activities correctly, to the best of our knowledge.

Unlike larger Committees, Mainstream PAC has always had, and continues to have, a relatively low level of activity. The Committee does not have offices, pay rent, employ staff, own equipment, pay or contract for utilities or phone service, or (except in a few limited circumstances) purchase supplies. The fundraising activities of the Committee are carried out by independent contractors retained from time to time for the purpose of managing events or solicitations. To the limited extent that there have been such activities during the applicable time periods, the expenses are on the reports. As you will note, the Committee has not raised a great deal of money in the applicable time periods, and has not held any events. Therefore, fundraising expenses with independent contractors have been limited to a mail solicitation, the payment for which was shown on the report.

The Committee retains Collins+Day as an independent contractor to prepare reports and handle accounting functions for the Committee. The payments for these services are