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Dear Mr. Kern:

This letter responds to the April 17, 2001 letter from the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") to Trent Lott for Mississippi ("TLM") in connection with the above referenced report. Specifically, the Commission inquired about contributor information disclosed on Schedule A and the process used by TLM for requesting contributor information under the Commission's "best efforts" regulations.

We have sent a stand alone written request for additional information to each contributor listed as "information requested" in Schedule A of the above referenced report. However, as of the date of this letter, we have not received any additional information. If any additional contributor information is received, we will amend our reports accordingly.

TLM employs a process for requesting contributor information that complies with the Commission's "best efforts" regulations. Each solicitation informs the recipient about the reporting requirements under federal law. It includes a request for the contributor's name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. The disclaimer appears in a clear and conspicuous manner on each solicitation.

If a contribution is received without the required contributor information, we send the contributor a stand-alone written request for the information. These information requests were sent to the contributors within three weeks after we received their contributions, well within the thirty-day window under Commission regulations. The written request informs the recipient of the requirements under federal law for reporting the contributor information, does not solicit contributions to TLM or any other political committee, and includes a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope. (See attachment 1.)

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