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To: John D. Gibson  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

From: Ralph Santora

I am writing in response to your review of Independent Action's Mid-Year report.

- 1) Concerning our efforts to collect information from donors, I wish to establish that we are indeed making our best efforts to collect information from all of our donors including individuals who aggregate contributions exceed the \$200 threshold.

In every request made by our organization for a donation we ask that the donor provide the name of their employer and their occupation. I have enclosed copies of our request letters and response devices to demonstrate our efforts. Unfortunately, not all donors respond to our request. Please be advised that our year end report should reflect an increase in information on our donors. Also, we are internally reviewing all of our donors over the \$200 threshold, and we will mail a request specifically asking for this information from individuals who have not responded to our usual efforts.

- 2) In our year end report will include a letter requesting approval for use of computer produced Schedule A.



MR. ANDREW BARRER  
1712 22ND STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20008-1901

DEAR INDEPENDENT ACTION MEMBER,

AS A REMINDER, WE SENT YOUR 2000 INDEPENDENT ACTION MEMBERSHIP CARD LAST MONTH. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT ACTION. PERHAPS THIS LETTER AND YOUR RENEWAL CONTRIBUTION HAVE CROSSED IN THE MAIL.

WE ONLY NEED 5 SEATS TO WIN A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE IN 2000.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOUR RENEWED SUPPORT TO HELP INDEPENDENT ACTION PROVIDE THE RESOURCES TO OUR PROGRESSIVE CHALLENGERS SO THAT THEIR CAMPAIGNS GET OFF TO A STRONG START. PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT ACTION FOR 2000. THANK YOU.

RALPH SANTORA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP REACTIVATION FORM\*\*\*\*\*  
TO HELP TAKE BACK THE HOUSE IN 2000, I'VE ENCLOSED MY INDPENDENT ACTION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\$100       \$150       \$200       OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to Independent Action are not tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to Independent Action and include it along with this entire form in the envelope provided.

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**Independent Action  
2000 Endorsement Criteria**

**Choice.** Support a woman's right to reproductive choice and access to family planning services.

**Education.** Must support expanding and protecting quality education for all.

**Gun Control.** Must favor strengthening gun control laws.

**Civil Rights.** A commitment to end discrimination and ensure equal rights for all.

**Environment.** A commitment to protect and preserve our natural resources.

**Thank you for your 2000 membership contribution.**

Please make all checks payable to Independent Action or you can charge your contribution to your:

- Visa       Mastercard       American Express       Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

# INDEPENDENT ACTION'S 2000 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I know that Progressive Democrats are relying on Independent Action for early financial support. To help take back the Congress I am reaffirming my commitment to Independent Action with a generous Membership Renewal of:

- \$200       \$150       \$100       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**★ Check us out on the web at [www.IndependentAction.org](http://www.IndependentAction.org)**

Please provide us with your email address so we may send you online updates.  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton  
Box 74  
Darien, CT 06820

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2000 Member



Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton

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## INDEPENDENT ACTION CONTRIBUTION FORM

I will help Independent Action deliver the resources necessary to assist our candidates in getting a strong start on taking back the House in 2000. Enclosed in my contribution is the amount of:

\$100

\$150

\$200

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Please make checks payable to  
Independent Action  
and mail in the enclosed envelope  
or mail this slip to  
1317 F Street, NW Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20004.

Mrs Virginia R Bacher  
24 Seca Place  
Salinas, CA 93908

Please see reverse side to change your  
contribution.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 6, 2000

Ralph Santora, Treasurer  
Independent Action Inc  
1317 F St, NW #900  
Washington, DC 20004

Identification Number: C00139741

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99)

Dear Mr. Santora:

This letter is to inform you that as of January 5, 2000 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated December 15, 1999. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Donald Averett on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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A committee may establish "best efforts" by providing the Commission with a description of its procedures for requesting the information. It is also in the best interests of the committee to provide a copy of its solicitation. In order to establish "best efforts", the committee must demonstrate that it makes at least one request for the information after the contribution is received. This one request must be made for any solicited or unsolicited contribution that, in the aggregate, exceeds the \$200 threshold and lacks the necessary information.

Each solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the information. If a committee receives a contribution that, in the aggregate, exceeds the \$200 threshold but lacks contributor information, the committee must, within 30 days, make a written or oral request for the information. Please note that a written request may not include an additional solicitation





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