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Ms. Lisa Stolaruk  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Stolaruk:

It has come to my attention that the Reports Analysis Division has made a request for additional information from the Illinois Republican Party as to whether it had been authorized by the Republican National Committee (RNC) to make certain party coordinated expenditures on behalf of the RNC during the 1998 general election campaign. Although no contemporaneous written authorization can be located, I want to assure you that RNC authorization had been given prior to the Illinois Party making such expenditures. Therefore, this RNC authority would have been given in September of 1998.

It is the policy of the RNC to send a written authorization to state party committees prior to the making of any such expenditure by state parties when such RNC authority is given. When we were unable to locate copies of the RNC authorizations in question we prepared a letter memorializing prior RNC action. It is important to note that no coordinated expenditures were made by the RNC in connection with the authorizations in question. Therefore, no expenditure limit was exceeded by the combined RNC and Illinois Republican Party authorities and should serve as further evidence of the RNC granting such prior authority to the Illinois Republican Party.

I trust this will satisfy your inquiry. However, if additional clarification is needed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Josefiak



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