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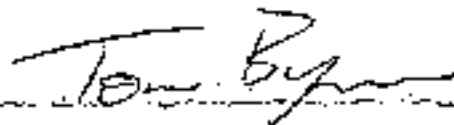
~~Dear Commission Members and Staff,~~

Last year, I began exploratory efforts regarding the open U.S. Senate seat in New Jersey. Ultimately, I decided not to go forward. I never announced my candidacy or went beyond exploratory activities. However, I did raise a substantial sum of money and wanted to make full disclosure to you even if it was not technically required by law. In order to file with you, I was advised to fill out a statement of candidacy.

I want to make it clear that I am not, and never was, a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Since your pink instruction sheet says quarterly filings must be filed by "candidates who seek election in 2000", I assumed that I was not required to file quarterly. When FEC staff advised me that I should still file quarterly because I had filled out a Statement of Candidacy, I requested a form, filled it out quickly, and return it herewith.

Kindly regard this letter as a withdrawal of the statement of candidacy, or alternatively, please advise if any other steps must be taken to effect that withdrawal.

Very truly yours,



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