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Dear Mr. Gibson,

I am the treasurer of the Sanders for Congress Campaign for Representative Bernard Sanders.. I am also the treasurer of the new Sanders for Senate Campaign for the 2006 election. We will be filing a final report for the Sanders for Congress Campaign for the period ending June 30, 2005 and an initial report for the Sanders for Senate Campaign at that time too. We have filed a Form 1 for the Senate Campaign and are waiting to receive a new I.D. number from the FEC.

I received a Mailgram from you regarding the Bernie Sanders Fund. There is some confusion over this "fund". It is merely a second bank account for the campaign to keep track of contributions made to charities and to other campaigns. It was my understanding from Patrick Leopold that we simply include it in our regular committee reports. This was confirmed when I called your office in response to the mailgram and spoke with Jill Sugarman. Apparently I mistakenly filed something on January 28th before I realized that we did not have to treat the Bernie Sanders Fund as a separate entity. I have tried to locate what Lfiled that triggered this impression, but so far have not located it in our software, or on your website. So I am sending you this letter and hoping that in doing so, this matter will be resolved. If I need to do anything further (like amending something to retract a filing, please let me know).

I can be reached most days in my office (not the campaign office) at (802) 863-2271. Thanks for your help with this. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Cordially,

Martha Abbott Treasurer

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