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October 10, 2002

Mr. John D. Gibson Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Attached please find a letter from Alex Vogel, General Counsel of the National Republican Senatorial Committee regarding the Allard Leadership Committee (ALC), an authorized committee of the Wayne Allard for U.S. Senate Committee, and the use of the candidate name.

There has been a question of the use of the candidate name in the naming of the authorized committee. The attached letter from Mr. Vogel confirms that the ALC is entitled to use the candidate name in its title.

Please contact me and Mr. Vogel if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the Amended Statement of Organization filed by the Allard Leadership. Committee on April 2, 2002. You have questioned the use of a candidate name in the name of a political committee. You cite 2. U.S.C. § 432(e)(4) for the proposition that "any political committee which is not an authorized committee... shall not include the name of any candidate in its name." In previous discussions with staff from the National Republican Scnatorial Committee, FEC staff has further cited 11 C.F.R. § 102.13(c)(1) in arguing that a joint fundraising committee is not an authorized committee. As outlined below, the Allard Leadership Committee is an authorized committee and is therefore permitted to include the name of a candidate in the committee name.

Allard Leadership Committee is a joint fundraising committee established pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 102.17. Section 102.17(a) states specifically that a joint fundraising committee "shall be a reporting political committee and an authorized committee of each candidate for federal office participating in the joint fundraising activity." (Emphasis added). The Allard Leadership Committee is an authorized committee of Wayne Allard for U.S. Senate Committee and the use of the candidate name in the committee name is appropriate.

Based on the unambiguous statement in 11 C.F.R. § 102.17 that joint fundraising committees are authorized committees, we have concluded that no amendment is necessary and that the use of a candidate name is proper under Commission regulations.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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