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**VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AND
CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 24, 2006

Ms. Jennifer Hertel
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State Capitol Building, Suite 141
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**RE: *In the Matter of Insufficient Contribution and Expenditure Reports by
Jim Bernard for Clackamas County Commissioner***

Secretary of State Case Numbers: NT8643, NT8644, NT8645, NT8646,
NT8647, NT8648

Dear Ms. Hertel:

This firm has been retained by the Jim Bernard for Clackamas County Commissioner Political Committee [the Committee] to represent it in connection with the April 4, 2006 Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty referenced above. The Committee hereby requests a hearing to be conducted by an independent hearings officer to contest the alleged "insufficiencies" on which this Notice is based and/or present evidence of mitigating circumstances. We request that this hearing be held by personal appearance in Salem, not by telephone. We anticipate calling several witnesses.

Thank you.


Sincerely,

MARC D. BLACKMAN

cc: Jim Bernard for Clackamas County Commissioner Political Committee