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Ms. Wendy Maria Carrillo Dono
550 North Saint Louis Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033

Dear Ms. Dono:

This responds to your form of January 25, 2017, requesting an extension of time for filing the Financial Disclosure Statement required by the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA).

Title I of EIGA requires candidates in any primary or general election for the U.S. House of Representatives to file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Clerk of the House. The Statement must be filed by May 15 or within 30 days in the calendar year that the individual qualifies as a candidate under the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) (i.e., by raising or spending more than \$5,000), whichever is later. In no event should it be filed later than 30 days before the election, unless qualification as a candidate occurs within that 30-day period. In that case, the due date for the Statement is the same as the date of qualification. A candidate must also file a new statement by May 15 of each subsequent year in which he or she continues to be a candidate.

EIGA authorizes this Committee to grant reasonable extensions of time for the filing of any Financial Disclosure Statement (including an amendment), the total of which may not exceed 90 days. However, an extension cannot be granted which authorizes a candidate's statement to be filed later than 30 days prior to a primary or general election in which the reporting individual is a candidate. As noted on the extension request form for candidates and in the financial disclosure instruction guide, extension requests must be received by the Committee on or before the applicable due date.

The Committee's records indicate that your Financial Disclosure Statement was due no later than January 9, 2017. You filed a request for extension on January 25, 2017 (and on the appropriate form again on January 27, 2017). Since you filed the request for extension after the due date, the Committee cannot grant an extension. Accordingly, we urge you to file your Financial Disclosure Statement as soon as possible.

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Section 104(d) of EIGA provides that anyone filing more than 30 days after the due date of any report shall pay a \$200 filing fee to the United States Treasury. You would not have been required to pay a late fee if your report was filed no later than February 8, 2017. A report submitted without the required fee where no extension or waiver has been granted is viewed as not having been properly filed. EIGA also authorizes the Committee to waive the \$200 penalty for late filing in "*extraordinary* circumstances."

The Committee staff is available to answer any questions relating to financial disclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Rust', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Thomas A. Rust
Chief Counsel

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