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The McCain Campaign has received your letter dated June 25, 2008. We would like to thank you for your organizations' admirable efforts in promoting transparency and accountability in the election process. As you well know, John McCain has been a tireless crusader for campaign finance reform for many years. Our campaign has worked hard to embody Senator McCain's commitment to transparency and accountability in the political process.

We are pleased to say that much of the information requested in your letter is already available on the McCain Campaign website. The website lists the name, city, and state of our top

fundraisers (“Trailblazers” and “Innovators”). In addition, the campaign already provides a searchable database of every donor who has contributed one dollar or more, even though the FEC reports only require identification of donors of \$200.00 or more. The database also lists the city and state of the contributor as well as the date and amount of the contribution.

However, we appreciate your suggestions for even greater transparency and will take immediate steps to adopt them. We will list the names, cities, states, employers, and occupations of all our volunteer fundraisers who have raised \$50,000 or more. This includes funds raised for the campaign itself and the Victory 2008 Joint Fundraising Committees in which the campaign participants.

Listing a “single dollar figure” of the amount raised by each fundraiser as you request cannot be done in the midst of the campaign because it is changing on an individual basis almost daily – that is why we use broader categories. However, we will continue to use our best efforts to update the fundraising categories on a monthly basis. This information will be published on our website at: <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/fundraisers.htm>.

Small donors play a highly important role in the McCain Campaign: our average donation is only \$156.00. We agree with your suggestion that it would be useful to incorporate a web search capacity to make available additional information about our small donors (\$1.00 - \$200.00). Accordingly, we now included on our website the capability to view a list of donors by typing in a zip code. We have also provided the same location search capability for contributions from United States citizens who live outside the country. Following the search query the website provides a complete list of donors from that zip code or country. You may find this searchable database at: <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Donors/>.

Consistent with John McCain’s record on campaign finance reform, the campaign has worked hard to provide voters with a public and transparent disclosure of our fundraising information. I hope these additional steps help to further shed light on the campaign’s fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,



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