



October 2, 2006

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Renewal of “True-Blue Reformer” recognition

Dear Representative,

In November of 1995, Public Citizen awarded some members of Congress recognition as a “True-Blue Reformer.” The recognition highlighted 143 House members – 43 Republicans and 100 Democrats – who voted for bills to ban gifts to members of Congress and improve lobbying disclosure. The selected members also voted against five amendments to weaken reform measures.

Some members of Congress continue to celebrate their recognition from Public Citizen. For example, Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.) cites the credential on his Web site and on that of the House Committee on Government Reform, which he chairs. The eleven-year-old recognition was also mentioned in recent news articles about Rep. Davis.

Times have changed since 1995. Our designation of a member of Congress as a “True-Blue Reformer” is not evergreen, but instead is a resource which must be renewed by demonstrated and continuing vigilance on government ethics. Shock over recent scandals has only been exceeded by shock over the total failure of the House to take any meaningful steps to prevent future erosion of the integrity of democracy.

This letter therefore is a renewal notice to you as one of the 68 members of the 1995 Reformer class who remain in Congress and have not yet signed the Voters First Pledge. Only those members who agree to sign the enclosed pledge by October 16, 2006 – indicating your support for public funding of elections and lobbying reform – will retain their status as “Reformers.”

The pledge, which Public Citizen, Common Cause and Public Campaign Action Fund sent to all congressional candidates in June, includes three critical reforms to address the root causes of corruption in Washington. Signatories promise to:

- **Make Elections Fair**
Establish and enforce campaign spending limits by providing a set amount of public funding for all candidates who agree to take no private contributions.
- **Restore Accountability**
Pass and enforce meaningful new restrictions on gifts and travel from lobbyists and other powerful interests for members of Congress.

- **Protect Voters' Right-To-Know**

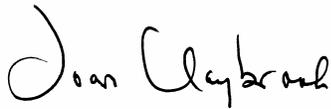
Require full disclosure on the Internet of all lobbyists' contributions and any fundraising help members of Congress receive from lobbyists.

More than 300 candidates for federal office have signed the pledge thus far. We hope that you will join in this exciting campaign for cleaner government, and that you are still the reformer that you were in 1995.

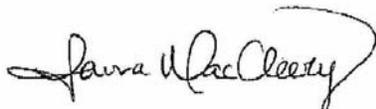
The case for public funding of elections is a robust one, as described in the attached fact sheet. The fundamental problem of the undue influence of money in politics deserves a fundamental answer that would relieve lawmakers of the constant obligation to fundraise and allow them to focus on the business of governing the nation.

For more information on the pledge, please visit www.VotersFirstPledge.org or the Public Citizen Web site at www.cleanupwashington.org.

Sincerely,



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