September 10, 2007

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd Chairman U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations S-131, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Byrd:

The Federal Election Commission herewith transmits a copy of its Fiscal Year 2009 budget submission. This request for \$63,897,315 represents a net increase of \$4,673,315 from the requested FY 2008 level.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437d(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, the Commission submits this budget request to Congress and OMB concurrently. The Commission's Congressional Justification will be submitted to Congress in February.

Sincerely,

Signed

Robert D. Lenhard Chairman

Signed

David M. Mason Vice Chairman

Enclosure