

February 5, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

The Federal Election Commission respectfully transmits a copy of its Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for \$59,224,000 and 375 FTE, as agreed to with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This budget request would enable the Commission to maintain its core mission critical activities as the 2008 Presidential campaign cycle and the associated workload increases draw near. This submission contains a \$5.071 million increase above the level anticipated for a full year continuing resolution (CR) in FY 2007. Because the anticipated CR level is unchanged from FY 2006, this requested level is critically needed in order for the Commission to effectively manage two years worth of mandatory pay raises, inflation, and a significant rise in GSA rental charges following the expiration of a long term lease for the Commission's offices.

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.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Lenhard
Chairman

Enclosure

