

December 13, 2004

The Honorable Jeff Lamberti
The Honorable Jack Kibbie
Co-Chairs, Senate Ethics Committee
The Honorable Scott Raecker
Chair, House Ethics Committee

Re: Board Referral

Dear Senators Lamberti and Kibbie and Representative Raecker:

The Government Oversight Committee previously asked the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board to investigate whether or not the Public Strategies Group engaged in lobbying activities without being registered or filing reports as required by Iowa Code chapter 68B. The Board subsequently directed an investigation. On December 2, 2004, the Board reviewed the results of the investigation and took the following actions:

1. Directed me to obtain additional information from the Public Strategies Group concerning actions before the executive branch of state government.
2. To refer the issue of whether or not the Public Strategies Group lobbied the legislative branch during either of the last two legislative sessions to the Senate and House Ethics Committees pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.31.

The Board makes this referral to the Senate and House Ethics Committees for handling as the committees see fit. This referral is being made without the Board speaking to whether the Public Strategies Group is in violation of Iowa Code sections 68B.36 through 68B.38, as applied to the legislative branch, or any rules of the Senate or House.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify me.

Sincerely,

W. Charles Smithson
Director & Counsel for the Board

cc: Mary Lundby, Government Oversight Chair