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Via Facsimile Transmission

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Dear Ms. Federici:

As you are aware, you are the target of a federal investigation that is being conducted in the District of Columbia. That is, there is substantial evidence linking you to the commission of certain crimes, and you are a putative defendant.

The investigation is focused on the allegedly illegal manner in which you operated the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, commonly known as CREA. Specifically, the Government has received information that you, in taking actions alone and/or in concert with others, may have violated several federal criminal statutes, including but not limited to:

1. Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371;
2. Impeding the Due Administration of the Internal Revenue Service, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7212(a);
3. Tax Evasion, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201;
4. Obstructing the Proceedings of a U.S. Senate Committee, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1505; and
5. Making False Statements to a U.S. Senate Committee and its investigators, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)&(c)(2).

The Government has also received information that you may have assisted others in depriving the American Public of the honest services of at least one administration official.

My purpose in writing this letter is two fold. First, I write to afford you the opportunity to obtain court appointed counsel to represent you in this matter. Second, I write to afford you the opportunity to meet with all the prosecutors and agents handling this matter pursuant to a proffer agreement and in an effort to negotiate a pre-indictment resolution as well as your cooperation in other pending investigations. Please be advised that any pre-indictment resolution would require you to plead guilty to at least one

felony charge. Your decision to cooperate with the Government is completely voluntary. However, in making this decision you should remember that time is of the essence.

Should you wish to accept this invitation to meet pursuant to a proffer agreement and/or to negotiate a pre-indictment resolution, please obtain counsel and have your attorney contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie D. Evans".

Stephanie D. Evans
Trial Attorney