



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 31, 2003

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Howard Dean
Dean for America
P.O. Box 1228
Burlington, VT 05402

RE: Letter dated November 12, 2003, requesting withdrawal of candidate agreement (LRA #622)

Dear Dr. Dean:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 12, 2003, in which you request to terminate participation in the public funding program under the Presidential Primary Matching Account Act, as amended, 26 U.S.C. § 9033 *et seq.*, and to withdraw the candidate agreement and certification you submitted to the Commission pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 9033 and 11 C.F.R. §§ 9033.1 and 9033.2. Based on your letter, the Commission has withdrawn its certification to the Secretary of the Treasury that Howard Dean and Dean for America ("the Committee") are entitled to a payment from the Presidential Primary Matching Account. Please note that both you and the Committee will no longer be bound by the terms of the candidate agreement and will not be subject to a mandatory audit under the public financing system. 26 U.S.C. § 9038(a).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen L. Weintraub".

Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair