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## BY E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Hon. John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Conyers:

We received on Friday afternoon, July 13, 2007, the Committee's subpoena to the RNC. The subpoena called for the production of documents by the RNC within two business days. Such an extraordinarily short turnaround time for this subpoena is unreasonable given the exceptionally delicate constitutional issues it presents.

The RNC immediately advised the White House of the subpoena. This morning, the RNC received the enclosed letter from the Office of White House Counsel instructing the RNC not to produce at this time the documents called for in the subpoena, in order to allow adequate time for the White House Counsel to review the documents in question and to make specific determinations regarding the assertion of executive privilege.

As you know, the RNC voluntarily produced close to 1,000 pages of documents to the Committee last week. Given the gravity of the constitutional issues raised by the Committee's subpoena, however, the RNC intends to heed the White House Counsel's reasonable request that we afford him additional time to make privilege determinations. We also note, as we have previously, that ultimately the question of the disposition of the documents at issue is one that will have to be resolved by the Legislative and Executive branches. It would be inappropriate for the RNC to seek to resolve that dispute by unilateral action.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Kelner" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Robert K. Kelner

cc: Hon. Lamar S. Smith