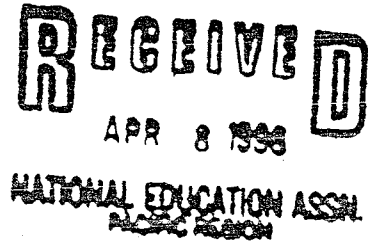




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RE: Request for Financial Assistance/Campaign '96

Dear Nelson and Carmen:

This is a formal request from the Washington Education Association (WEA) for significant financial support from the NEA to assist in defeating two initiatives on the ballot in Washington this November. Initiative #173 would approve vouchers for public, private and religious schools. Initiative #177 would create charter schools of a type that will have a significantly negative impact on public schools as we know them. We are requesting \$400,000.00 from NEA which, combined with WEA resources, will be committed directly to the coalition of education, business and civic groups that has formed to fight these two initiatives.

NEA and the Democratic Party have identified Washington as a target state for the reelection of President Clinton. Additionally, WEA is faced with a hotly contested Governor's race, a wide open contest for Superintendent of Public Instruction, a struggle to maintain a one vote Democratic majority in the state Senate, the challenge of reducing the two to one Republican majority in a conservative anti-public education state House of Representatives, six additional statewide office races and the hope of reclaiming at least a few of the six seats in Congress lost to Republicans in 1994. We are requesting NEA provide an additional \$257,763.00 to assist WEA with a coordinated campaign. These funds, when combined with WEA resources, will be used for internal organizing and our campaign field operation, candidate campaigns, independent expenditures and internal communications with members.

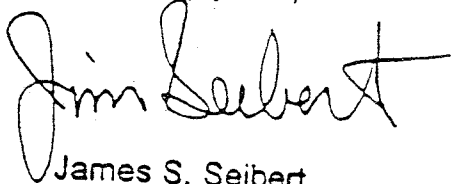
NEA staff has been directly involved and fully informed of the planning of WEA's campaign for the 1996 elections. We have endeavored to keep NEA informed on every aspect of our plans and this request for financial assistance is consistent with information we have shared with NEA staff and managers on a continuing basis. We have followed the procedure recommended by NEA for seeking financial assistance. This week we were advised to forward this formal written request.

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I have included the most current election program budget. We have already provided to NEA copies of our detailed election plan.

We have been advised that WEA must present our request to the NEA Executive Committee at its April 29-30 meeting. We are prepared to do so. Please make the appropriate arrangements with NEA officials for our appearance before the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,



James S. Seibert  
Executive Director

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Attachment