September 15, 2004

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Michael Jaliman for US House of Representatives (C00404327), New York (19)
financial disclosure violation, disclaimer language violation, failure to file and distribute
statement of candidacy in accordance with millionaire's amendment.

Dear General Counsel:

It is my opinion that Michael Jaliman, candidate for Congress in the 19th Congressional
District of New York, and candidate committee “Michael Jaliman for US House of
Representatives” has, and continues to purposely and egregiously violate Federal
Election Campaign. I strongly urge you to consider the following facts, which clearly
support these claims.

During the New York State 2004 primary election the Jaliman campaign produced a web
site, produced and distributed at least two direct mail pieces and placed multiple pre-
recorded phone messages in New York’s 19th Congressional district. As you know,
Federal law states that an individual becomes a candidate for federal office—and thus
triggers registration and reporting under the Act—when campaign activity exceeds
$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures. The Jaliman primary campaign activity
appears to have at least reached this threshold, but to date the campaign has not filed any
financial reports with the FEC.

As you know, any public communication made by a political committee, even those that
do not contain a solicitation or express advocacy, must include a disclaimer. The
aforementioned website and direct mailings have not included the “paid for” disclaimer
language on its communications. This is yet another violation of Federal Campaign law
by the candidate and his campaign.

The Jaliman campaign has been actively involved in a federal campaign, exceeded the
$5000 threshold, has yet to file a statement of candidacy with the Commission as well as
distribute said statement in accordance with the millionaires amendment.

Attached are copies of the mail pieces that were distributed by the Jaliman campaign, a
tape of the automated calls and a print out of the campaign web site. All of these items
have a cost associated with their production and distribution, as well as require proper
“paid for” disclaimer language.

Based on the facts outlined, I respectfully request an investigation into these violations of
Campaign Finance Law. I look forward to your prompt attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Johnston
100 McLain St.
Bedford Corners, NY 10549

State of New York
County of Westchester:

On this 16th day of Sept. 2004, before me, personally appeared . . . . . . , to me known and known to me to be the individual described therein, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

HELEN A. KING
Notary Public, State Of New York
No. 4788339
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires August 31, 2005
Dear Constituent,

My name is Michael Jaliman and I am the Democratic nominee seeking to represent the 19th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. I am asking for your vote in the November 2nd election.

Opportunity to Get Back on Track

This is the most important election in memory. The Bush administration and the Republican Congress have led America in the wrong direction for four years. Never has it been so crucial to elect a new president and Congress that can support his initiatives.

I am running for Congress offering fresh solutions for America. A native of New York State, I am a lifelong Democrat with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

I have extensive and innovative experience as a consultant to government, corporate, and non-profit leaders in this country and around the world.

An Alternative to Sue Kelly

I offer the voters of the district an alternative to Sue Kelly. As a loyal vote for House Leader Tom Delay and President Bush, Sue Kelly does not represent the views of the people of this district. With me as your Congressman, I will forcefully champion your issues and get Congress back on track with America.

I am proud of my connections to the Democratic Party. But with the issues facing our country, we need solutions that can address everyone’s concerns. For this reason, I am reaching out to moderate Republicans and Independents and asking them to examine and support my platform of fiscal responsibility, sound foreign policy, and environmental activism.

A Thank You to Fellow Democrats

I want to express my deepest appreciation to Democratic Party members who supported me in my campaign and who voted for me in the September 14 primary. My victory in this primary is clear message that voters are interested and involved with critical issues both locally and nationally. I will be running a campaign that focuses on the key issues facing our district and America. I welcome the debate with Sue Kelly regarding these issues. I invite everyone, Democrat, Republican and Independent to examine in depth my stand on these issues as described in this website and consider voting for me to work toward the changes we so urgently need.

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Make Your Vote Count!

I ask for your support as the candidate of choice for the 19th Congressional District seat. Please take the time to learn about my positions on crucial issues for our region and nation and vote for me in the November 2nd election.

Sincerely,

Michael Jaliman

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Summary

I may be the only anti-Vietnam war leader with a Harvard MBA. I am a strategic and organizational consultant fostering innovation and implementing initiatives for major corporations, non-profits, and government. I have:

- Led major demonstrations against the Vietnam War as president of the Wisconsin Student Association
- Successfully opposed an anti-abortion bill in the Wisconsin legislature
- Founded the Wisconsin Hunger Project
- Successfully fought to prevent an anti-gay ordinance
- Founded an alternative public school in Great Neck
- Prevented a sewage plant from being built off the coast of Massachusetts
- Organized and moderated the first national election debate in Taiwan
- Worked with inventors Dr. Jonas Salk and Buckminster Fuller
- B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, MBA Harvard Business School

About Michael Jaliman

Mr. Jaliman holds an M.B.A. from Harvard University, where he founded the Harvard Business School Leadership Forum. He earned his Bachelors with honors in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison where, as student body president, he led some of the largest anti-Vietnam War protests in the nation.

He is a seasoned strategic and organizational consultant who fosters innovation and aligns organizational dynamics to implement strategic initiatives for major corporations, non-profits, and governments. He was a senior managing director at Fujitsu Consulting, where he headed the regional financial services practice and led a consulting team guiding the merger of North American operations of three Japanese banks including the bank of his firm's keiretsu or Industrial Group. Mr. Jaliman was director of strategic planning at KPMG Asia Pacific, and has worked with McKinsey & Company and CSC Index. Earlier in his career he was a finance associate at Daniels & Bell, the first African American-owned NY Stock Exchange Member Firm.

Mr. Jaliman has been involved in a number of innovative projects in the field of education. He organized a conference on Strategies for Feeding Humanity for the inventor and visionary Buckminster Fuller. He also founded the Jonas Salk Institute for Applied Creativity, which collected surplus computers and donated them to needy students at selective New York City high schools. In addition, he founded the Free School in Great Neck, NY, which became the Village School, a degree-granting alternative public high school. He was also involved in curriculum reform at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Jaliman founded the Wisconsin Hunger Project and obtained increased funding for the WIC (Women Infants and Children) program. He was a member of an alliance that successfully fought to prevent an antigay ordinance in Madison, Wisconsin. He organized Citizens for Human Rights, a pro-choice advocacy group that successfully lobbied to sustain the veto of an anti-abortion bill in Wisconsin. He also provided strategy that prevented the construction of a sewage plant off the coast of Massachusetts.

He developed a strategy for the Chief of Staff of the Office of the President of Taiwan to improve relations between the U.S. and
behalf of the Democratic National Committee at the Convention, I had the opportunity to meet with numerous leaders in our party, and share with them my innovative strategy to address a range of domestic and global issues.

At the Convention, I worked for the Democratic National Committee as a Kerry spokesperson on talk radio. I was selected by the Democratic National Committee to give radio interviews on foreign policy and economic affairs on behalf of John Kerry. I have continued to do radio for Kerry since the Convention.

As the Democratic candidate for Congress, I intend to:

- Attract and engage national Democratic leaders to not only campaign for me in the District, but also raise the profile of this District's needs and concerns

- Put crucial issues, such as the security threat posed by the Indian Point Nuclear Reactor, on the national agenda

- Conduct an issues-based campaign, challenging Sue Kelly on her record

- Win the support of Independents and Republicans as well as appeal to the Democratic base to regain a seat held too long by a conservative Republican

Mr. Jaliman's name has been placed on the ballot for the Democratic Party primary by the New York State Board of Elections. The 19th Congressional District includes Northern Westchester, Putnam, and parts of Orange, Dutchess, and Rockland counties.

Mr. Jaliman, 52, lives in Brewster, New York with Kathryn, his wife of 25 years, a painter who exhibits internationally, and their son David.

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Michael Jaliman for Congress
Fresh Solutions for America

Michael Jaliman’s Stand on Critical Issues

As the Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives in New York’s 19th Congressional District, Michael Jaliman, a strategic and organizational adviser to government and corporate leaders, promises to bring fresh solutions for the critical problems facing America.

Mr. Jaliman proposes to serve as a watchdog, problem solver, and catalyst for change. As a political leader, Mr. Jaliman will combine the social activism he learned as a national leader against the Vietnam War with the vision, intellectual objectivity, and coalition-building skills valued by the corporate and government leaders he has advised. He brings to his new political vocation many years experience of basing his advice on solid research and a foundation of evidence. Mr. Jaliman has helped America’s most respected organizations, including IBM and JP Morgan Chase.

As a Democratic candidate running in a Republican majority district, Mr. Jaliman offers voters a new democratic approach that includes fiscal responsibility; effective government; a cost-effective preventive health care system; industrial policy; environmental activism; social compassion; educational reform; and better informed approaches for foreign policies. This approach also calls for revamping dysfunctional government agencies, including the CIA, FBI, and Departments of State and Defense; cooperation with our allies; and bipartisanship in fixing America’s problems.

Like so many Americans, Mr. Jaliman was personally affected by the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. His office on the 49th floor of the North Tower was destroyed. That event was a wake-up call for him to apply his expertise to provide solutions to the threats to America from terrorist groups and from unsound fiscal policies that accumulate massive budget deficits, trade deficits, and unfunded obligations for Medicare and Social Security.

Drawing on his experience in Middle East policy, he has developed plans to stabilize Iraq, resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and wage a war of ideas in the Islamic world to isolate Al Qaeda and prevent Islamic societies from becoming breeding grounds for new terrorists. Locally, he will lead efforts to protect the environment and guide economic

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'people make a difference' philosophy and his dedication to bringing people together to uncover the truth will enable him to fight effectively for sound policies in Washington."

– Erle Smith
Former client and IBM executive

development. He is assembling a staff of world-class experts from management consulting, finance, and government who can improve efficiency, effectiveness, and long-term planning in government.
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Sounding the Alarm of a Looming Economic Crisis

Mr. Jaliman has taken on the mission of warning the American people of the ticking economic time bomb of the Medicare and Social Security Systems' shortfall of tens of thousands of billions of dollars. According to Mr. Jaliman, "In a rare and unfortunate display of bipartisanship, leaders of both parties are ignoring this looming catastrophe."

"Consider the math: even today, with the U.S. government running a budget deficit of $521 billion, a looming shortfall of tens of thousands of billions (tens of trillions) is a staggering amount. This sum of money is too vast to borrow. The U.S. government's pension obligations of the American people are many times larger than the entire national debt or the combined value of all of the stocks listed on the N.Y. Stock Exchange. Where will the government get this kind of money to continue to pay its obligations to retirees?"

This looming domestic crisis could lead to tragedy for many Americans who depend on Medicare and Social Security for their retirement. For the first time in history the Medicare Program will run a deficit next year. In a staggering example of gross financial mismanagement, the government has spent money that people paid into their retirement system to finance budget deficits. Current Bush administration economic plans for a second term continue to use retirement payments to fund deficits.

The Bush economic plan for cutting dividend taxes and increasing spending was an expensive short-term stimulus that defers the nation's economic problems to the future. It creates large deficits and leaves little money for the government to meet its obligations to retirees or to provide opportunities for Americans who are not wealthy. While the economy may currently appear to be stable, such appearances are deceptive. Present short-term conditions of economic growth will not last without decisive action by our leaders. The Bush Administration's own budget analysis states, "Long-run budget projections show clearly that the [federal] budget is on an unsustainable path." Says Mr. Jaliman, "Under the Bush economic plan, the budget deficit will grow to a staggering 10 percent of the entire economy, endangering the financial well being of our nation. Yet political leaders from both parties have failed to act. My mission is to awaken the American people to the economic danger which faces our nation."

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As a member of Congress, Jallman will ask the Comptroller General of the United States to notify all Americans who have paid into the system of this situation by sending them an annual statement describing the financial health of the retirement and Medicare systems, akin to statements sent out by private retirement plans and mutual funds. He will also call for a Congressional investigation into the long-term financial health of our government to deal with a looming domestic crisis before it turns into a catastrophe for Americans who count on Medicare and Social Security for retirement.

"If corporate leaders neglected critical financial issues in such an irresponsible manner, they would certainly be fired, if not indicted," Mr. Jallman said. "If the government were a private corporation running a large pension plan, it would be under investigation by regulators and facing court-ordered receivership. The American people must be educated about the potential consequences to their daily lives and to the nation from government mismanagement of financial obligations. Though finance and economics are not sexy issues that sell papers, I implore the media to undertake the critical public service of educating the public."

Toward a More Enlightened Foreign Policy: Security for All

Michael Jaliman for Congress
Fresh Solutions for America

A Path Out of the Iraq Quagmire

We must disengage from Iraq as rapidly as possible, while giving Iraq the ability to stabilize itself without a American military presence. Maintaining massive numbers of American troops in Iraq does not serve our nation's strategic interests. The US is bogged down in a debilitating conflict. Whether one's original position was for or against the Iraq War, the following should be clear: Saddam Hussein has been captured, Iraqi weapons of mass destruction are not a threat, and the nation of Iraq will not be our new democratic friend in the Middle East. It is time to plan to bring home most of our forces, while still protecting our friends in the Kurdish region, by implementing a reasonable, workable plan to stabilize Iraq.

Our present course of conduct in Iraq can only lead to ongoing American casualties and additional exorbitant expense for the American taxpayer. It will not create the free and democratic Iraq espoused by the Bush administration.

We must recognize the basic reality ignored by virtually all Westerners since Messrs. Sykes and Picot, acting on behalf of the British and French governments, arbitrarily drew the boundaries of Iraq during World War I from remnants of the Ottoman Empire. This reality is that Iraq comprises at least three mutually antagonistic peoples—the Shites, the Sunnis, and the Kurds—who have been held together solely by the force of dictatorship. The only workable solution is to divide the country into self-governing ethnic cantons—the Swiss Model—and two separate Cantons for Baghdad, inside of an Iraqi free trade and economic zone. Such smaller political units will be able to maintain security and govern their communities by themselves because each will be charged with a manageable job and the cooperation of their local ethnic constituents, obviating the need for the U.S. to maintain a massive military presence to prop up a central Iraq government. Such Cantons would include one or more Cantons in the Sunni triangle, Kurdistan, the Shiite region, the lands of the Turkoman, a federal district of Baghdad, and a Canton for the Shiite enclave of Sadr City. Oil wealth would be administered by both the Canton and the Central Government which—as in the Swiss model—would be charged with customs, international relations, and maintaining internal free trade. The Cantons would be individually responsible for security and for making and enforcing the internal

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Western nations ideistically attempting to maintain elements of the pre-Tito status quo—instead of accepting the reality that Yugoslavia was made up of mutually antagonistic ethnic communities with a history of enmity that went back centuries. The ill-conceived Western policy in Yugoslavia led to unnecessary bloodshed and suffering. We will see similar bad results in Iraq unless we consider a new policy—and quickly."

—Michael Jaliman

Troubled Iraq, nurtured on decades of psychopathic rule, is not a suitable candidate for an instantaneous Western style democracy; the Bush mission in Iraq cannot be accomplished, and it is not worth the ongoing waste of American lives and money to "hold the course" on Iraq. The best the administration could accomplish with its plans for a national democratic government is a Shiite regime friendly to Iran that dominates the entire nation.

Implementing the Canton System for Iraq will enable the US to withdraw troops and to wage a more cost-effective and appropriately targeted battle against Islamist terrorism, and plan our actions with deeper understanding of the peoples of this region and with greater cooperation from NATO and other allies, as we redeploy resources being ill-spent in the Iraq War to the War against Al Qaeda, the group that represents the real threat to our nation, both at home and abroad.

I invite the political parties in the United States, the American public, Iraqi leaders, and all interested parties to respond to these ideas for a Canton System for Iraq.
Position Summary

Through my work advising corporations, I have come to understand that the nation's educational system must be revamped to prepare our citizens for the jobs of the 21st century and to provide opportunities for all.

- Innovative programs must be developed, measured for effectiveness, and replicated by local school districts with Federal and State assistance. "No Child Left Behind" threatens to leave lots of children behind.

- The Bush administration has seriously underfunded the whole program, threatening its viability. As a result, resources are lacking to help those students, and those schools, most in need of assistance to achieve academic excellence.

- The Federal Government can play a role in funding pilot projects and promulgating successful programs within the US educational system. I can help improve the system dramatically.

"We must reform the educational system to train our people for the jobs of the 21st century."

New Industries, New Jobs

Speaking of his plan for national economic policy, Mr. Jaliman said, "We must consciously plan the new industries that will provide jobs for the American people." He says that he will use his team-building and problem-solving skills to forge bipartisan consensus to promote new technologies in a host of industries that will create jobs for Americans.

His economic plan was supported by the AFL-CIO as an alternative to the Bush tax cuts adopted last year. It would have extended unemployment benefits, stimulated business and job growth, and avoided irresponsible tax cuts.

Jaliman will develop thoughtful programs that protect the environment and use alternative energy and nonpolluting technologies to retool the industrial process. Education and job creation will be at the hub of these economic initiatives.

These programs will not just create new jobs, though. They will also expand the tax base and provide energy alternatives to fossil fuels, which are growing increasingly scarce and expensive. "We must act to free our nation from dependence on energy from an unstable region and prepare for the day when the petroleum supply is exhausted," Mr. Jaliman said. The plan will make the U.S. the leader in offering new products and services for a sustainable economy. Mr. Jaliman's advisory work for corporations, combined with his close association with Jonas Salk and Buckminster Fuller, two of the greatest visionaries of our time, uniquely qualifies him for this task.

As an example of his ability to create bipartisan cooperation between Democrats and Republicans, Mr. Jaliman cites his experience working with the two major political parties in Taiwan, encouraging peaceful competition between bitter adversaries. As a result of the trust he developed with both parties, he was able to organize and moderate Taiwan's first election debate between leaders of the National Legislature. He contributed to a democratization process that has allowed Taiwan to prosper and remain independent despite open hostility from the Chinese government.

Mr. Jaliman was asked by Senator Orin Hatch, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to establish guidelines between the Democrats and Republicans to depoliticize...
-Michael Jaliman

judicial nominations. "We need to heal the political divisions in our nation," said Mr. Jaliman. "The nation needs bipartisan cooperation to solve pressing problems."

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"A strong economy is a pillar of military strength that protects our nation in the fight against terrorism," says Mr. Jaliman, "and an indispensable aspect of our country’s ability to provide opportunity to all citizens.

In contrast, economic opportunity and social advancement is being undermined by Bush Administration policies. Said Mr. Jaliman, "The incumbent, Sue Kelly, has been a rubber stamp for these failing Republican policies."

Sue Kelly, Mr. Jaliman points out, has been called "famously ineffective" by Politics NY, which has consistently given her poor ratings.

"We require new leadership to regenerate the sources of American power, wealth, and greatness, and to prevent the squandering of our national assets and prestige on short-sighted policies that ignore creating a long term economic plan — a plan that can provide for America’s future needs for retirement benefits under Social Security and Medicare, jobs, health care, clean energy, a quality environment, and a strong economy," Jaliman said.

For more information regarding Sue Kelly's ineffective record, see the comments at the following link:

Politics NY Article

"As Lower Manhattan's representative in Congress, Nadler worked over-time to protect the interests of the residents and businesses struggling to rebuild. Unlike many less talented members, Nadler knows when it's appropriate to tweak his Republican colleagues and when it's beneficial to work with them to get something important done."

- Politics NY.com
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Local Focus on Environmental Protection

Regarding local issues, Jaliman noted, "Here in the lower Hudson Valley, we stand at a critical juncture in time. The people here have always enjoyed a relatively unspoiled environment, but uncontrolled urban sprawl threatens the woodlands, lakes, reservoirs, and streams that surround our community—our way of life." Undesirable development, he said, causes environmental degradation and does little to expand the tax base while increasing the cost of local services. He claims that local governments often lack the resources and expertise to guide the development process, fight undesirable development, and prevent uncontrolled growth.

Jaliman will use his extensive experience in business development, planning, and coalition building to attract environmentally sustainable development. This will bring jobs to the region and help local communities in their battles with developers to "ensure that the future of the Hudson Valley lives up to its promise." He says that he will fight to ensure that every dollar pledged in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to improve the New York City watershed is allocated. He chides the Bush Administration for its abject lack of foresight or concern for the environment.

Jaliman will work to protect against a terrorist attack at the Indian Point nuclear power plant, which the 9-11 Commission disclosed as a prime target for Al Qaeda, by fighting to decommission the plant and assist the workers. "Imagine the disastrous economic and social consequences to the nation from a terrorist attack at Indian Point which forced the evacuation of the New York metropolitan area. And yet the Nuclear Regulatory Agency is failing to address basic safety concerns with the kind of bureaucratic ineffectiveness all too reminiscent of the CIA and FBI failure to track known Al Qaeda members who entered and attacked our nation."

"We would expect, after 9-11, that our public authorities would have learned the lesson not to ignore such a serious vulnerability as the Indian Point..."
Nuclear Reactor that is so close to the commercial center and leading city of our nation.”

– Michael Jaliman
Exercising Moral Leadership

Position Summary

Michael is in the forefront within the Democratic Party in proposing solutions to state-supported terrorism by the Sudan government against its own citizens, 30,000 – 100,000 of whom have been slaughtered by marauding Arab bands on horseback.

- At the convention, Michael met with senior Kerry campaign policy advisors to discuss his plan. He has taken time to speak with Harlem District Rep. Charles Rangel and his staff; Rep. John Conyers, Jr., ranking House Democrat; Maxine Waters, senior African-American Congresswoman from California; and Art Collins, the senior African-American staffer in the Kerry campaign.

- As the Democratic Party candidate, Michael is in a strong position to continue the political process to move quickly to address the question of Sudan. The initiative will not only protect helpless victims of genocide, it will also restore among the peoples and nations of the world the standing of the United States that the Bush administration has squandered.

"What is going on in Sudan is an atrocity. It's criminal. And it's sinful. And I'm not a very religious person, but I understand enough about religion to know that every Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leader in this country; every council of churches, synagogues, and mosques;

Exercising Moral Leadership

The humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan requires immediate action to stop both the ethnic cleansing being perpetrated by Arab militias and the threat of mass death from illness to hundreds of thousands of human beings who have fled their homes and are living in refugee camps in the Sudan or in neighboring Chad.

The intervention of Kofi Annan and Colin Powell with the Sudan government on behalf of the western Sudan refugees is commendable but grossly insufficient. Reliance on the good faith of the Sudan government to rein in those it has armed and encouraged to attack black non-Arab minorities in the region puts the fox in charge of the chicken coop. This risks a humanitarian calamity comparable to that of Rwanda in the 1990s when hundreds of thousands were slaughtered while the world merely watched.

The United States, as the world's one indispensable power, must lead in this area by working to bring about, in concert with such groups as NATO and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, an immediate deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force. This force should enforce a cease fire and secure the Darfur region, and permit persons in camps to return to their homes. The US should take the lead in the Security Council to bring about such a force and, while providing it with appropriate logistical and financial support, work with our allies to see that the force is immediately deployed to prevent unnecessary killing of innocents. The United States should encourage its allies to select a responsible nation to lead the UN force.
and every American who prays to their God should be here with me, decrying these acts as sin, pure and simple."

– Congressman Charles Rangel
U.S. Representative, New York

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Michael Jaliman pledges to stand for innovation and activism at the local level and to reestablish the role of the House of Representatives as an equal partner to the Senate in solving our nation's problems in ways that the Founding Fathers intended.

"In the end, that's what this election is about. Do we participate in a politics of cynicism or a politics of hope?"

-Barak Obama
At the Democratic National Convention
Keeping Assault Weapons Off Our Streets

September 11, 2004 marked three years to the day that I lost 20 of my co-workers at a company then located in the World Trade Center. But for a decision to delay going into the office after a late meeting the night before, I would have been at my desk on the 49th floor of the North Tower, leading a consulting team guiding the merger of North American operations for three Japanese banks.

That morning the unthinkable happened: our own planes were turned into weapons of mass destruction, and the United States saw the face of terrorism on our home soil. Since then, the Bush administration has purported to hunt down terrorists wherever they may be hiding. If Bush is serious about fighting terrorism, then why is he arming terrorists right here in our homeland?

On Monday, Sept. 13 a 10-year ban on the sale of military assault weapons in this country expired. The law wisely banned 19 kinds of semiautomatic weapons, among them AK-47s, Uzis and AR-15s. The expiration of this sensible law was ignored by U.S. President George W. Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress. This now makes these powerful weapons easily available to Al Qaeda operatives.

As a survivor of the terrorist attacks on 9-11, I am shocked and outraged that the Republican Leader of the House of Representatives Tom DeLay together with other pro-NRA Republican members of the House blocked the renewal of the assault weapon ban. I call upon Sue Kelly to persuade President Bush and the Republican Party that this action is irresponsible and dangerous to America and will allow Al Qaeda easy access to powerful weapons they can use for terrorist missions on US soil.

The Brady Campaign, the gun control lobby that fought to extend the ban, purchased full-page ads in The New York Times and The Washington Post depicting Osama Bin Laden holding a U.S. manufactured AK-47. The headline of the ad reads: "Terrorists of 9-11 can Hardly Wait for 9-13." By allowing the ban on assault weapons to expire, the Bush administration has put some of the world's most powerful weapons well within the reach of terrorist hands.

Michael Jaliman: The Best Candidate

Many Independents and moderate Republicans have already indicated support for my agenda of responsible fiscal and foreign policy.

This base includes many in the business world who support progressive causes and want to defeat the current conservative Republican stranglehold on the Congress.

I have the support of Senator Charles Schumer, Attorney General Elliot Spitzer, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, and Congressmen Charlie Rangel and Jerry Nadler

Position Summary

Mr. Jaliman encourages the constituents of the 19th District to vote for him on November 2, and to elect John Kerry as President and re-elect United States Senator Chuck Schumer.

President Kerry will need a Democratic Congress if he is to correct the course of the nation. With a takeover of just 11 House seats, Democrats will take back control of the House.

Jaliman urges voters to support his candidacy as part of that effort, and to donate money to those Democrats running for the House and Senate across the nation.

"We can make this year the year of a Democratic Party landslide."

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"Consider the math: even today, with the U.S. government running a budget deficit of $521 billion, a looming shortfall of tens of thousands of billions (tens of trillions) is a staggering amount. This sum of money is too vast to borrow. The U.S. government's pension obligations of the American people are many times larger than the entire national debt or the combined value of all of the stocks listed on the N.Y. Stock Exchange. Where will the government get this kind of money to continue to pay its obligations to retirees?"

Opportunity Society

"A strong economy is a pillar of military strength that protects our nation in the fight against terrorism," says Mr. Jaliman, "and an indispensable aspect of our country's ability to provide opportunity to all citizens. I will be a strong proponent of an 'opportunity society,' which uses wise economic and social policies and cost-effective programs to give all Americans the opportunity to share in the American dream.

In contrast, economic opportunity and social advancement is being undermined by Bush Administration policies. Said Mr. Jaliman, "The incumbent, Sue Kelly, has been a rubber stamp for these failing Republican policies" Sue Kelly, Mr. Jaliman points out, has been called "famously ineffective" by Politics NY, which has consistently given her poor ratings (For more information, see www.politicsny.com )

Local Focus on Environmental Protection

Regarding local issues, Jaliman noted, "Here in the lower Hudson Valley, we stand at a critical juncture in time. The people here have always enjoyed a relatively unspoiled environment, but uncontrolled urban sprawl threatens the woodlands, lakes, reservoirs, and streams that surround our community—in short, our way of life." Undesirable development, he said, causes environmental degradation and does little to expand the tax base while increasing the cost of local services. He claims that local governments often lack the resources and expertise to guide
the development process, fight undesirable development, and prevent uncontrolled growth.

Jaliman will use his extensive experience in business development, planning, and coalition building to attract environmentally sustainable development. This will bring jobs to the region and help local communities in their battles with developers to "ensure that the future of the Hudson Valley lives up to its promise." He says that he will fight to ensure that every dollar pledged in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to improve the New York City watershed is allocated. He chides the Bush Administration for its abject lack of foresight or concern for the environment.

He also will use his skills to forge a bipartisan consensus to develop a long-term education, energy and environmental policy to make the U.S. the leader in new products and services for a sustainable economy. "The U.S. would use its example, its political influence, and foreign aid to mandate environmental protection globally. This would create demand for new American products and services, ushering in a new era of prosperity and providing human society with an industrial process that is sustainable for future generations." The policy Mr. Jaliman is advocating will avoid severe global environmental degradation or even environmental calamities such as global warming, epidemics of melanoma cancer from the depletion of the ozone layer, or mishaps from terrorist attacks or accidents at nuclear power plants. "The Bush administration has failed to protect the nation's environment and has sought to undermine existing protections. They have also failed to provide leadership on global environmental issues such as Global Warming and the depletion of the Ozone layer."

**Indian Point**

Michael Jaliman pledges to work hard to close Indian Point, remedy safety risks, and prevent re-licensing. "The risk of inadequate planning to protect against a disastrous terrorist attack is taking a backseat to profits at a nuclear power plant which the 9-11 Commission disclosed as a prime Al Qaeda target. We would expect that after 9-11 our public authorities would have learned the lesson not to ignore serious risks. Imagine the consequences to the nation from an attack at Indian Point that forced the evacuation of the NY metropolitan area.

A huge part of the justification for the upkeep of Indian Point is simply the financial benefit to a few select groups of people (Buchanan township residents pay little or no property tax, and have a well-funded school system; Entergy's corporate managers and employees certainly benefit; the New York area would, of course, have to acquire electrical power from other sources if Indian Point were closed). This limited financial benefit is set against the "extremely unlikely" possibility of a Chernobyl or China-syndrome type disaster, which would presumably kill those same citizens of Buchanan who seem perfectly willing to take the risk, as well as thousands more people within a few miles of the plant. As it would also expose potentially millions of people within a 30-50 mile radius of Indian Point to radiation ranging from unhealthy to lethal, no one is talking about this in the same economic terms. The 9-11 highjackers flew right over Indian Point, electing to crash into the World Trade Center where, as a result, an area around a half-mile radius of "Ground Zero" was shut down for months, and perhaps tens of thousands of residents of Downtown Manhattan were evacuated for a period of months, and the total damage (besides around 3,000 dead) will probably be in the hundred billion dollar range.

Hypothetically, had those same terrorists decided, instead, to crash into Indian Point, if the jetliner loaded with fuel breached the reactor, a comparable number of people would have died immediately from the explosions, with a somewhat larger number shortly thereafter from radiation effects...but the economic toll would probably have crippled the United States economy. Potentially, the entire New York metropolitan area might have had to be evacuated – and the most economically important city in the world would have had to shut down. Given recent events, and just how potentially vulnerable we are to terrorist assaults, this is not preposterous – and yet, because one small town gets tax breaks, the USA is supposed to accept this level of risk – as a nation.

**New Industries, New Jobs**

Speaking of his plan for national economic policy Mr. Jaliman said, We must consciously plan the new industries that will provide jobs for the American people. He says that he will use his team-building and problem-solving skills to forge bipartisan consensus to promote new technologies in
a host of industries that will create jobs for Americans. He will develop thoughtful programs that protect the environment and use alternative energy and nonpolluting technologies to retool the industrial process. Education and job creation will be at the hub of these economic initiatives.

**A Path Out of the Iraq Quagmire**

Mr. Jaliman proposes disengaging from Iraq as rapidly as possible, while giving Iraq the ability to stabilize itself without a massive American military presence. Maintaining massive numbers of American troops in Iraq does not serve our nation's strategic interests. The US is bogged down in a debilitating conflict. Whether one's original position was for or against the Iraq War, the following should be clear: Saddam Hussein has been captured, Iraqi weapons of mass destruction are not a threat, and the nation of Iraq will not be our new democratic friend in the Middle East. It is time to plan to bring home most of our forces, while still protecting our friends in the Kurdish region, by implementing a reasonable, workable plan to stabilize Iraq.

**Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Mr. Jaliman has developed a new approach to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. In brief, the plan calls for an international administration from the European Community (with a lead role for Britain and Turkey) to take over the administration of Palestine to develop its institutions to build a viable state genuinely committed to live in peace with Israel. The U.S. would provide political guarantees, and the international community would provide funding. This plan has received support from prominent leaders and experts involved with the region including Israeli Foreign Minister Peres, aides to Arafat, Prince Turki the Saudi Intelligence Minister, and Dennis Ross the Bush and Clinton Mideast negotiator.

**Exercising Moral Leadership**

The humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan requires immediate action to stop both the ethnic cleansing being perpetrated by Arab militias and the threat of mass death from illness to hundreds of thousands of human beings who have fled their homes and are living in refugee camps in the Sudan or in neighboring Chad.

The intervention of Kofi Annan and Colin Powell with the Sudan government on behalf of the western Sudan refugees is commendable but grossly insufficient. Reliance on the good faith of the Sudan government to rein in those it has armed and encouraged to attack black non-Arab minorities in the region puts the fox in charge of the chicken coop. This risks a humanitarian calamity comparable to that of Rwanda in the 1990s when hundreds of thousands were slaughtered while the world merely watched.

**Health Care**

Mr. Jaliman proposes a system of affordable primary health care for all Americans, efficient and cost-effective preventive medicine, and inexpensive prescription drugs negotiated using the buying power of the Federal government on behalf of the members of its medical programs.

**Abortion Rights**

Mr. Jaliman supports a woman's right to choose and will strongly oppose any and all efforts to weaken Roe v. Wade. I will support programs to encourage contraception and adoption both nationally and globally.

**Gay Rights**

Gay couples and families are entitled to equal protection under the law. Efforts by the Bush administration to exploit this issue for partisan advantage are reminiscent of the Republican Party's moral failures during the Civil Rights movement.

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Assault Weapons

At midnight on Monday, Sept. 13 the 10-year ban established by President Clinton on the sale of military assault weapons in this country expired. The law, known as the Brady Bill, for James Brady (shown here with President Clinton) wisely banned 19 kinds of semiautomatic weapons, among them AK-47s, Uzis and AR-15s. The expiration of this sensible law was ignored by U.S. President George W. Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress. This makes these powerful weapons easily available to Al Qaeda operatives.

"As a survivor of the terrorist attacks on 9-11, I am shocked and outraged that the Republican Leader of the House of Representatives Tom DeLay together with other pro-NRA Republican members of the House are blocking the renewal of the assault weapon ban."

Education

Through his work advising corporations, Mr. Jaliman has come to understand that the nation's educational system must be revamped to prepare our citizens for the jobs of the 21st century and to provide opportunities for all. Innovative programs must be developed, measured for effectiveness, and replicated by local school districts with Federal and State assistance. "No Child Left Behind" threatens to leave lots of children behind. The Bush administration has seriously underfunded the whole program, threatening its viability. As a result, resources are lacking to help those students, and those schools, most in need of assistance to achieve academic excellence. The Federal Government can play a role in funding pilot projects and promulgating successful programs within the US educational system.

The New Politics

Mr. Jaliman pledged to create a new kind of politics appropriate for America in the 21st century: a politics of responsibility, of integrity, of fixing problems instead of fixing blame. His inspirations for developing a new politics are based on the principles of Thomas Jefferson, the Founding Father of the Democratic Party, and of Alexander Hamilton, the Founder of the Federalist Party (an antecedent to the modern Republican Party).

"These Founding Fathers provide examples of seminal thinking and action that we can emulate in redesigning our dysfunctional political process and rebuilding the foundations of national economic prosperity by justly and compassionately applying to government and politics the best practices in management, finance, systems thinking, and other problem-solving disciplines," Jaliman said. If elected, he pledges to stand for innovation and activism at the local level and to reestablish the role of the House of Representatives as an equal partner to the Senate in solving our nation's problems in ways that the Founding Fathers intended.
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