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The Honorable Ann D. Montgomery
United States District Court Judge
13W United States Courthouse
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: *United States v. Petters, et al.*
Court File No.: 08-CV-5348 (ADM/JSM)

Dear Judge Montgomery:

At the hearing on the Application for Attorney Fees on February 23, 2009, Plaintiff United States of America ("United States") requested additional time to consider the Application. The Court granted the request and authorized the United States to file a Response on or before March 13, 2009. The United States filed a Response with regard to the attorney fee petitions of several of the individual defendants on March 13.

Regarding the attorney fees of Faegre & Benson in its role as attorney for Mr. Frank Vennes, the United States does not oppose the payment of these fees at this time. This is a unique situation in that Mr. Vennes has not been indicted and has not pled guilty to a crime - the situation with regard to the other individual defendants in this case. In addition, according to the most recent report of the receiver, Mr. Gary Hansen, there are funds currently available in the Vennes receivership to pay these attorney fees. Moreover, the fees to be paid appear to relate to civil matters and the liquidation of assets for the receiver.

The United States does, however, reserve its right to oppose payment of attorney fees for Mr. Vennes in the future if circumstances warrant.

Sincerely,
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