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The Honorable Secretary of State William C. Gardner State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Gardner:

September 26, 1990

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I would ask respectfully that you bring to the attention of the Ballot Law Commission at its meeting on Friday, September 28, 1990 the question whether the name, "Richard N. Lantos-Swett" should appear on the ballot for the Congressional race in the Second District.

As you know RSA 655: 14-b provides 'that a candidate shall include his surname in his designation of the form in which his name shall be printed on the ballot."

The question to be determined by the Commission is whether the surname is Lantos-Swett or Swett.

The Keene Sentinel of last Saturday contained an article, (see enclosed) in which Mr. Swett is reported as having said that he "has never changed his name; it s always been just 'Swett'". Yet on the voter check list for the town of Bow dated September 8, 1990, page 63, the name appears "Lantos-Swett, Richard N."

Other examples in which the name appears "Lantos-Swett" are enclosed for your information. They contain the following: Concord Phone Book for 1990, a Resume of Mr. Swett, three examples of the name appearing as Lantos-Swettin three different press clippings.

An example of the name "Lantos-Swett" appearing in the Articles of Incorporation filed in the Secretary's Office; Billing from the Secretary of State's Office showing the name as Lantos-Swett; an example of the name appearing on the cover of a paper of the Veritas Consortium; and a copy of a deed of June 1, 1987 filed in Merrimack County by Lantos-Swett.

Already there is great confusion in the minds of many voters as to whether it is Mr. Swett or Mr. Lantos-Swett for whom they are voting in the November election.

In addition to the forms on which the name appears on the enclosed samples, please be advised that the name of Lantos-Swett appears on the gentleman's Business Card, and on political campaign material showing the donations.

I respectfully suggest that according to the foregoing it is clear that the man's surname is "Lantos-Swett" and that this is the name that should appear on the November ballot for the Second Congressional Districe race.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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