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We received information showing your name as a participant in a chain letter. It is our understanding that this scheme involves one of the many variations of envelope stuffing schemes. In all of these variations a person has to make an investment to obtain the right to make money by recruiting people who, in turn, must make a similar investment to obtain the same rights. Such a plan is defined under Oregon law as a "pyramid Club." Pyramid clubs are illegal in Oregon.

If the mails are used as a part of the scheme, then the scheme also violates federal law. Therefore, both our office and the Federal Postal Inspectors are involved in investigations of envelope stuffing. In fact, some promoters of envelope stuffing schemes have been sentenced to prison terms by federal judges.

I hope that this letter serves as an alert and a warning to you if you are considering any envelope stuffing schemes. It should alert you to the risky nature of this type of investment, and you are now warned of the possible legal consequences if you decide to persist in participating in this scheme.

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