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May 20, 2013

The Honorable Candace S. Miller  
Chairman, Committee on House Administration  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 2013, which requests the current status of the Federal Election Commission's revised Enforcement Manual.

As you know, the FEC's Office of General Counsel has prepared a revised Enforcement Manual. The document is lengthy and detailed; I believe that making this manual public will provide an invaluable resource to respondents, practitioners, and other members of the public. Commissioners are reviewing this document, and it will be placed on a meeting agenda for discussion in June. I anticipate that the document will be released to the public next month as well. In light of the Committee on House Administration's interest in this matter, we will provide the Committee with a courtesy copy of the document at the time it is released to the public. I welcome and share your concern that enforcement of the Federal Election Campaign Act be fair, effective, and transparent. Toward that end, you may be interested to know that the Commission has adopted a practice of sending an explanation of any monetary penalty proposed as part of the conciliation process in enforcement cases to respondents via letter at the outset of conciliation.

As always, I appreciate the Committee's input as you carry out your oversight responsibilities. I look forward to continued cooperation with you and the Committee staff on this and other matters. Should you or your staff wish to communicate further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 694-1035, our General Counsel, Anthony Herman at (202) 694-1510, or our Staff Director, Alec Palmer at (202) 694-1007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen L. Weintraub". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ellen L. Weintraub  
Chair

cc: The Honorable Robert A. Brady  
Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration