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WASHINGTON -- "The Federal Election Commission's request for Fiscal Year 1981 funding represents the resources necessary for thorough implementation of Federal Election laws," FEC Chairman Robert O. Tiernan asserted today.

Testifying before the House Committee on Administration, Commissioner Tiernan said, "...the public, the Congress and the media have a right to expect a smooth, first-rate effort by the FEC in the regulation and administration of the 1980 elections. To accomplish this goal, sufficient funds will be needed...."

Joining in the testimony were Commissioner Frank Reiche, Staff Director Orlando Potter and General Counsel Charles N. Steele.

Seven major goals have been set to reach the Commission's goals for thorough implementation of the law, Tiernan said. These are: promotion of voluntary compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act; enhancement of full public disclosure of campaign finance activity; certification and disbursement of matching funds in the presidential primaries; certification and disbursement of Federal funds for the major party nominating conventions; certification and disbursement of Federal funds for the presidential general election; provision of easy access to the public for all information on campaign finance activity; and verification and enforcement of the provisions of the law through audits and enforcement actions, including conciliation and litigation.

"Our requested budget will enable us to fully enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act in a fair, efficient, vigorous and independent manner," Commissioner Tiernan said.