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WASHINGTON -- "Full enforcement of the Federal Election Campaign Act in a fair, efficient, vigorous and independent manner will require full funding of the 1981 fiscal year budget request," Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan said this morning.

Testifying before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, 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...." He explained that the November, 1980, general elections will be in fiscal year 1981, and this will be the first presidential election for which the Commission will have had an opportunity to fully prepare.

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

Commissioner Tiernan said the Commission has set seven major goals for full implementation of the law. They are: 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.

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission said today that it erroneously cited the Byron For Congress Committee (Beverly Byron) of the 6th District, Maryland, for failure to file a 1979 Year-End Report of Receipts and Expenditures, as required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

All 1979 year-end reports were due on January 31, 1980, covering activities for the fourth calendar quarter of 1979 and summarizing financial activities for the entire year.

The Byron For Congress Committee report was filed in a timely manner and should not have appeared on the list of year-end non-filers.

Under Federal Election Commission procedures, committees are reminded in December of their year-end filing obligation. On March 14, another notice was sent to committees which had not filed, advising them that they had 30 days to respond before their names would be published.