



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

March 9, 1999

A. Joshua Ehrlich, Esquire
142 Chestnut Street
Albany, NY 12210

RE: MUR 4686
Eric Vitaliano for Congress and
Judith C. Bello, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

On October 29, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Eric Vitaliano for Congress and Judith C. Bello, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On February 23, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by your clients, that there is no reason to believe Eric Vitaliano for Congress and Judith C. Bello, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Eugene H. Bull, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. G. Lerner", is written over a horizontal line.

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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