

August 29, 1998

Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4793

Dear Sirs:

While it is unclear where, if at all, in the above referenced complaint there is even a single allegation of wrongdoing on the part of *Friends of Weiner*, permit me to clarify our actions in general and with regard to the allegations that are contained in the complaint.

First, it is abundantly clear to all potential donors or fund raisers for *Friends of Weiner*, that federal law does not permit corporate contributions. I have included two attachments A and B (a response envelope and an instruction list for fund raisers) that make this policy clear.

In the case at hand, when our campaign became aware of the independent solicitation by the Metropolitan NY Towing and Auto Body Association, we immediately reiterated the law and our steadfast commitment to the highest ethical standards. (See attachment C).

I am puzzled by the listing attached to the complaint that appears to outline legal contributions made to a non-federal City Council reelection campaign committee.

It should be noted that the letter that I received on this date about this "confidential" complaint was not my first notice of this matter. A local newspaper was apparently notified of the existence of this complaint before the candidate or I was. Given the inflammatory nature of these issues, I find it most troubling that your "administrative oversight" of not notifying us earlier, was compounded by the way this complaint became public.

Given the absence of an allegation against *Friends of Weiner*, our steps to adhere to the law completely, and the political damage that has already been done to Mr. Weiner because of the handling of this matter by your agency, I would request a quick dispensation of this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BELLITTI  
Treasurer

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☐ Yes Anthony, I want to help!  
Enclosed is my contribution of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Friends of Weiner

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ (fax) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_

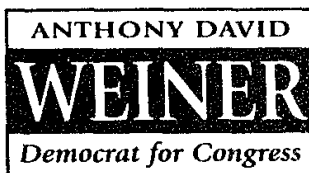
Contributions to "Friends of Weiner" are not tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.  
Corporate contributions are not legally acceptable.



Paid for by Friends of Weiner

*Friends of Weiner*  
2276 Homecrest Avenue, Suite 4A  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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Dear Friend:

Thank you for agreeing to hold a fundraiser to help the Friends of Weiner. As you know, fundraising is one of the most important and difficult part of a campaign. With your help, we will make it a success.

The following are some frequently asked questions and answers to help guide you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (718)376-9166.

**1. Who can give?**

All citizens of the United States are qualified to contribute to Congressional campaigns. Citizens who reside outside the Congressional district may also contribute.

**2. What is the maximum amount for a contribution?**

\$2,000 is the maximum amount a single individual may contribute per election cycle (\$1,000 for the primary election and \$1,000 for the general election). Consequently, a husband and wife may contribute a limit of \$4,000 per election cycle if both sign the check.

**3. Can corporations contribute to a Congressional campaign?**

No, corporations are not eligible to contribute to Congressional campaigns.

**4. In what forms may contributions be made?**

Contributions may be made in the form of checks and money orders. Cash contributions are limited to \$50.

**5. Can a partnership make contributions?**

Yes. A partnership has the same contribution limit as an individual of \$2,000. However, partnership contributions "flow through" to the partners and count as contributions from the individual partners as well as the partnership.

Again, thanks for all your help. If I may be of any further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

RON FRIEDMAN  
Campaign Manager

**Anthony David Weiner**



**Democrat for Congress**

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October 21, 1997

Norman Teitler  
Executive Director  
Metropolitan NY Towing & Auto Body Assn.  
2175 70th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

Dear Mr. Teitler:

Thank you for all of your support and your assistance in soliciting contributions for Anthony's campaign.

I recently received the attached letter written by you that requires some clarification with regard to the policies and practices of the Friends of Weiner. First, corporate checks are not legally acceptable and nor is cash. Thus, contributions of this type will not be accepted by the campaign and should therefore not be solicited by you.

Furthermore, any implication that contribution to Anthony's campaign will result in - or increase the likelihood of - favorable consideration on any legislative matter is simply wrong.

On behalf of Anthony and the Friends of Weiner, I thank you for your help in running and winning a campaign that maintains only the highest ethical and legal standards.

Sincerely,

RON FRIEDMAN  
Campaign Manager