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Dear Mr. Turley:

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Edward L. Steinberg, in response to your letter to him dated October 30th concerning a Complaint that was filed with the Commission by the Republican Party of New Mexico. The caption of that Complaint lists Dr. Steinberg and over 60 other individuals and entities as respondents (your MUR 4830).

The Complaint apparently concerns the 1998 primary and general election campaigns of Tom Udall of Arizona. Although Dr. Steinberg's name appears in the caption of the Complaint, the text of the Complaint does not mention him at all. We therefore have no idea as to why Dr. Steinberg's name is in the caption, or

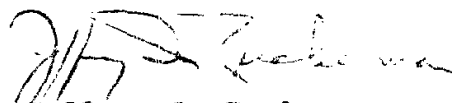
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why the complainant thinks Dr. Steinberg violated some federal election campaign law.

Dr. Steinberg made one, \$1,000 contribution to Mr. Udall's reelection campaign, by check dated September 17, 1998, payable to "Tom Udall for Congress." Obviously, this was perfectly lawful. Indeed, the complainant's failure to mention Dr. Steinberg in the text of the Complaint suggests that its listing him in the caption was intended solely to harass Dr. Steinberg, rather than to suggest seriously that he violated a federal election campaign law. There should be a sanction for such harassment, because it wastes the Commission's resources and imposes costs upon the improperly named respondent (here, Dr. Steinberg).

For the foregoing reasons, the Complaint as to Dr. Steinberg should be dismissed forthwith.

Very truly yours,


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