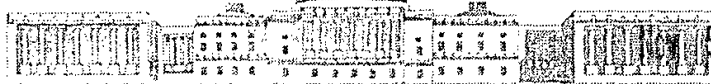


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November 5th 1998

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
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Attention: General Counsel's Office

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Dear Federal Election Commission:

I am planning to go on vacation until November 14th but wanted to respond immediately to the complaint filed by Bernard Gomberg. I have not retained a lawyer to represent me on this matter.

Mr. Gomberg, in his letter, points out that on three instances in my campaign I neglected to clearly state who paid for such communications. This was an unintentional oversight that would have been immediately corrected if Mr. Gomberg had called me. As you will note from the enclosures, I included the disclaimer in all my campaign literature, stationary and fundraisers, as required by law.

I had asked my campaign team to include disclaimers on advertisements/literature.. This was an oversight due to the fact that I have never run for Congress before and due to the fact that the ads and signs were ordered by campaign volunteers -rather than professionals.. Had it been pointed out to me earlier I would have changed or altered any of the items to make sure that they would have included the required disclosure. I have already remedied my internet site to include any disclosure.

I'm extremely sorry that this oversight occurred, promise that it won't happen ever again and am enclosing copies of most of my campaign material to show that during the campaign I complied with the FEC disclaimer provisions.

If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Feiner".

PAUL FEINER
Candidate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip A. Feiner".

PHIL FEINER
Treasurer

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LET'S COMPARE REPORT CARDS ON EDUCATION



DEMOCRAT PAUL FEINER

As a Westchester County Legislator and as Supervisor of Greenburgh, the largest town in Westchester County, Paul Feiner has received national attention for his innovations in government. These are just a few of the many opportunities he has provided for our children:

■ When the State cut funding for after-school programs, Paul Feiner took action and created a public/private partnership that preserved Greenburgh's program.

■ Paul Feiner created Greenburgh's first Police Summer Youth Camp to give teens positive exposure to the law enforcement community, teach discipline, forge better relationships between youth and police, and encourage young people to consider careers in law enforcement.

■ Paul Feiner created a "Cyber Camp" that teaches youngsters how to use and even repair computers, giving them the opportunity to learn a meaningful and marketable skill.

■ Paul Feiner constructed nine new playgrounds WITHOUT using taxpayer dollars.

■ Obtained a \$2.1 million grant to expand a municipal community center to provide after school, homework preparation and computer training sessions for young people 7 days a week.

■ Paul Feiner serves as a Board Member of College Careers, which provides scholarships to young people with limited incomes.

■ Paul Feiner established an "Innovations in Education" program, so that his office could become a clearinghouse for new and innovative approaches and ideas for improving our public schools.

AS OUR CONGRESSMAN, PAUL FEINER CAN DO EVEN MORE!

THE FEINER PLAN... (What Ben Gilman Forgot To Do)

- Up to a \$10,000 per year tax deduction for college education
- National standards for teachers
- Repair aging school buildings; build new buildings
- Smaller class sizes; use community volunteers to assist teachers
- Parents should grade the schools; bonuses for the staff for improvements
- Expand pre-school and day care programs
- Assist communities in obtaining education grants from foundations and government

• • • This is what **BEN GILMAN** won't tell you about his voting record

• • • Gilman voted against national testing standards for student achievement (HR 226, 9/16/97)

• • • Gilman voted to cut funding for the Safe and Drug-Free School Program (HR 1159, 3/16/95)

• • • Gilman tried to cut the Federal Student Loan Program, making it more difficult for working families to send their children to college. (HR 2491, 10/26/95)

• • • Gilman voted with Newt Gingrich to cut Federal funds from school lunch and child nutrition programs. (HR 4, 3/24/95)

• • • Gilman voted to deny Head Start funding and summer jobs to New York school children. (HR 2127, 8/4/95)

• • • That's why the prominent organizations listed below have given Gilman failing grades on education:

- 18%-out of 100%-National Education Assn Rating (104th Congress)
- 9%-out of 100%-Children's Defense Fund Rating (1995)

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Ben Gilman has been in Congress for 26 years. During this time, he has traveled Bon junkets all over the world, neglecting his own backyard. Once the Catskills were thriving. Resorts were filled, local businesses prospered, tax revenues were rising. Sadly, this has all changed.

During Gilman's tenure in Congress:

- Unemployment grew to twice the national average.
- Tourism plummeted.
- Downtowns have declined.

It's time for a change. It's time for Paul Feiner.

Paul Feiner's Plan to Revitalize Sullivan County:

Paul Feiner has called for a national competition for established developers, planning experts, and major universities to develop a design for an international conference center and family-style theme park appropriate to the natural grandeur of the Catskills.

Paul Feiner will support tax breaks for downtown renewal activities and create a marketing plan to attract new businesses and light industry. Feiner supports the use of tax breaks and other incentives to encourage the development of smart buildings that can support high-technology enterprises of the future.

Paul Feiner will fight for middle-class tax relief. Feiner supports a \$10,000 tax deduction to help families pay for their children's college education, and individuals looking to return to school to learn new skills.

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There's no place like home, Ben.

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"He knows it costs much more
fighting for a real increase in !

**"No other candidate
has fought for
seniors like
Paul Feiner."**

Because the cost of living in New
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Cost of Living Allowance be higher
also? It makes perfect sense to me.

Only one candidate for Congress is
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As a former Westchester County
Legislator and in his current position
as Supervisor of Greenburgh, Paul
Feiner has a long history of working
for seniors.



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Social Security benefits for us."

PAUL FEINER: Working for Seniors

Snow Angels – Paul Feiner established a snow angels program, whereby 100 volunteers, including Feiner, shovel out driveways of seniors and disabled residents.

Weekly Visits – For 15 years, Paul Feiner has made weekly visits to senior centers to help people with their problems.

Nursing Homes – Paul Feiner approved the first new nursing home in Greenburgh, with 150 beds.

"How Are You Today" Program – Paul Feiner established this innovative program where participating seniors are called each day to find out if they're all right.

Senior Clubs – Paul Feiner established a club for seniors over 90 years old. Feiner also started a club for seniors over 50, which includes free fitness, arts and crafts programs, and even a singles program.

Transportation/Health Clinics – Increased access to community health clinics and expanded transportation services for seniors.

Housing – Paul Feiner has renovated and modernized senior housing, and approved the first senior rentals in Greenburgh in 30 years.

As Congressman, Paul Feiner will fight for the following Senior Security Program:

- Increase COLA allowance for retirees.
- Commit every single dime of the Federal budget surplus to protect Social Security.
- Support a Patients Bill of rights, which would enable patients to choose their own doctors and sure negligent HMOs.
- Provide tax credits for families and seniors paying long-term care expenses.
- Increase Federal penalties for crimes against seniors.

**Paul Feiner has delivered for seniors.
Now it's time for us to deliver for him.**

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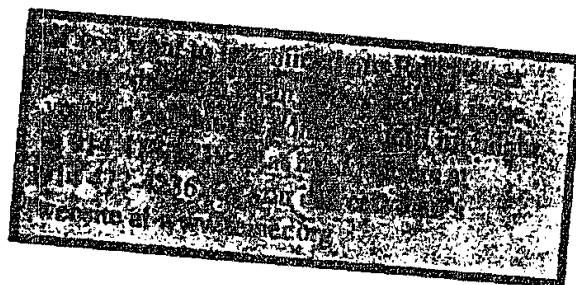
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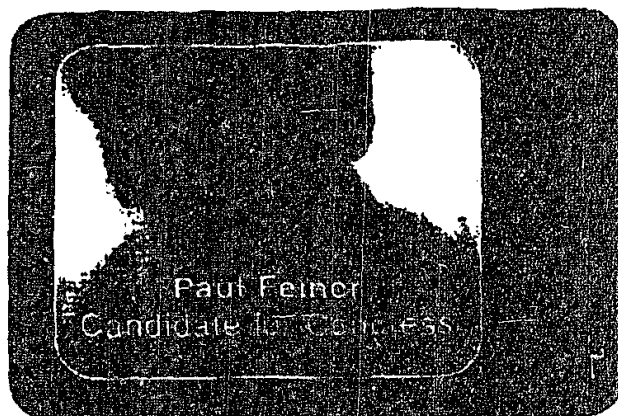


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**“I can’t afford to be on TV, but you
can’t afford to miss what I have to say.”
-Paul Feiner**

My name is Paul Feiner and I am running for Congress. I haven’t taken any large, special-interest donations, so you won’t see me on TV. But if you live in Greenburgh, you’ve seen a lot of me: building parks, putting more police on the streets, raising the town’s bond ratings. I even make house calls with anyone who has a concern. As Town Supervisor, I’ve been able to get things done, and now I want to do the same for the whole District. Here’s where I stand on the issues. Thanks for tuning in.

Our children deserve a better education. House Republicans are selling out our kids. Ben Gilman voted with Newt and Co. to cut Head Start, (HR 2127; 8/4/95) student loans (HR 2491; 10/25/95) and school lunch programs (HR 4; 3/24/95). I will make education a top priority.

I will protect Social Security. The national Republican leadership wants to privatize Social Security. I will protect our seniors and working families from any risky gimmicks.

Laws protecting the environment are under siege. The Republicans have sent one anti-environmental bill after another to the President. Ben Gilman even voted to cut the EPA by \$2.3 billion. I will clean up every toxic dump in the district.

I will vote “NO” on impeaching the President. House Republicans are playing politics at the country’s expense. What President Clinton did was wrong, but not impeachable.

Our veterans’ hospitals are inadequate. Republican leadership has shifted veteran funding from the northeast to the south. Over 200 veterans have died because of poor quality healthcare at Montrose and Castle Point VA Hospitals. I gave tax breaks to veterans and will vote to increase funding.

Sullivan County needs jobs. Over the 26 years that Ben Gilman has been in congress, the county has lost thousands of jobs. I will work hard for the local economies.

The government is for sale. Huge amounts of money pour into our district from lobbyists and special-interest groups who buy favors and votes. Republicans in Congress have said “NO” to campaign reform. I’ll say “YES.”

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Paul’s candidacy has been endorsed by *The Rockland County Times*, *WCLA*, *The Scarsdale Inquirer*, *Planned Parenthood*, *NOW* and many others.

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THE SPOKEN WORD.

“Town meetings in Greenburgh best in Hudson Valley.”

Hudson Valley Magazine

“Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you. As reminded us last Monday, we will fight to maintain the economic vitality of the main streets in our cities and towns.”

Vice President Al Gore

“After speaking to Paul Feiner about our dilemma, he contacted Con Edison on our behalf and “bingo”, results! Thanks again to Paul Feiner for being a politician “for the people.”

Bill Jones, resident

“Your willingness to push yourself to the limit was an affirmation of your support for people with developmental disabilities.”

Ric Swieral, Executive Director
Westchester Association for
Retarded Citizens

“The company that I work for, which employs over 800 people in Westchester, decided to consolidate it's satellite facilities in Greenburgh thanks - in large part - to the Paul Feiner approach to government.”

Stan O'Brien, Facility Manager
Bayer Corporation

“My neighborhood had a health problem. Paul Feiner came to the rescue.”

Ginny Engfors, resident

“Paul Feiner's “force of imagination, initiative and perseverance have made an outstanding contribution to the public interest in the areas of government performance and integrity.”

THE PRINTED WORD.

Live from Greenburgh Democracy in America

Greenburgh democracy Government is a phone is unique, thanks to Paul call away. Have a problem? Feiner. Meetings are tele- lem? Town officials makevised. People can call in. housecalls.

Feiner's EMS expansion has already saved nine lives

It's not often that legislation Support Services for all residents approved by an elected official denies of his town. In just a few could result in lives saved. Paul months 9 lives were saved Feiner increased Advanced Life because of this initiative.

Town brings home straight A's

During Paul Feiner's the highest in history. Paul tenure as Town Supervisor, has worked hard to Moody's increased the strengthen the financial town bond rating to AA, health of his town.

An almost ghost town becomes vibrant downtown

There was a problem on East sidewalks installed, a farmers Hardware Ave. Greenburgh's market opened up. A vision downtown. A supermarket went committee made up of market out of business, causing others change, landlords and residents to follow. Paul Feiner stepped was formed. Now there's a new in. A new mark was birth, another supermarket, a new restaurant

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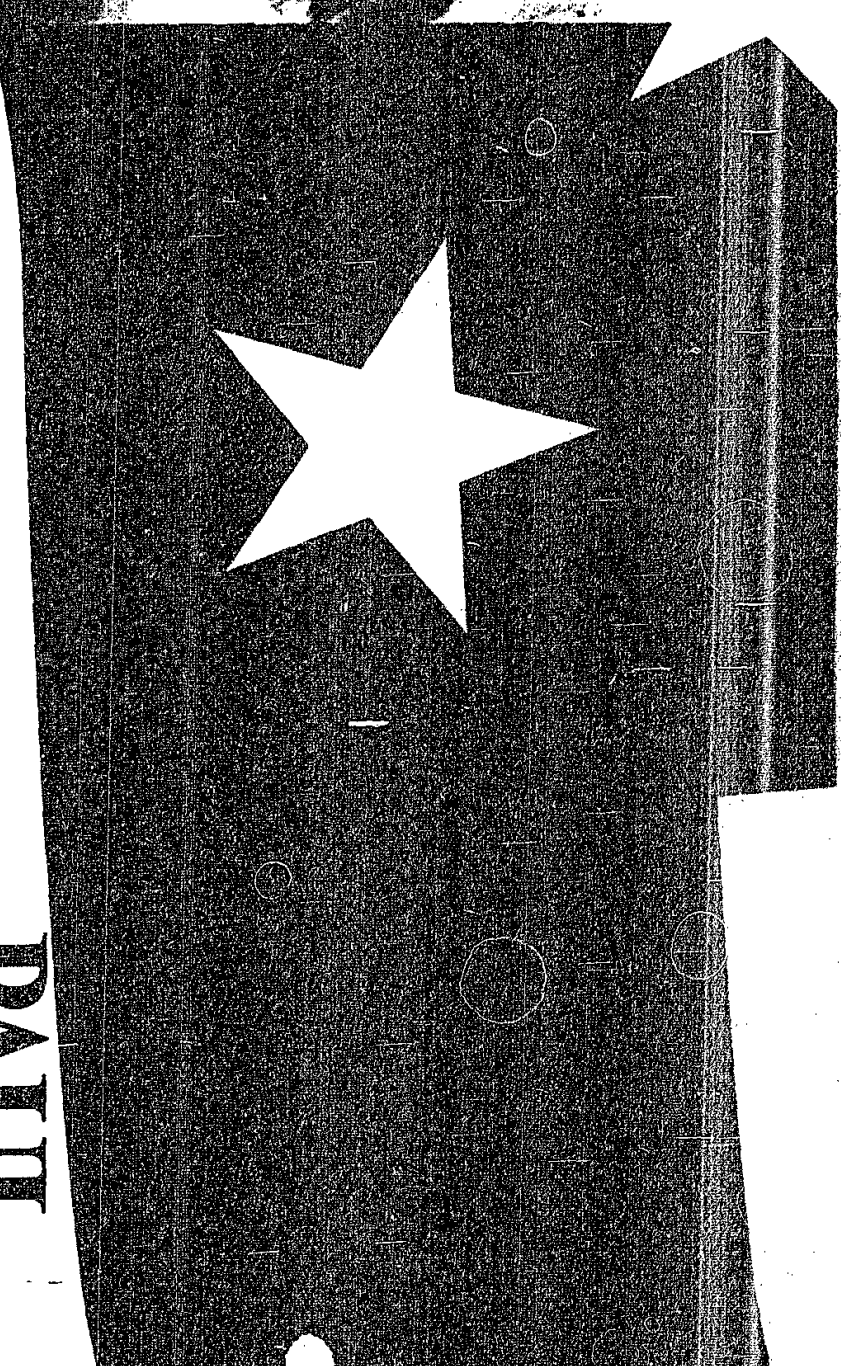
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A Fordham College & St. John's Law School graduate, his purpose never wavered. Starting as a County Legislator he became the Greenburgh Town Supervisor.

Paul Feiner could be described as an explorer. A Magellan, if you will. He is unafraid of taking politics through uncharted waters.

He is willing to take risks in order to savor the rewards. His message is loud and clear. Helping people. Striving to give them a better quality of life.

Who is Paul Feiner? Let the people describe the merits of this young, enthusiastic, never and shaker.



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TO WHAT SHOULD BE.

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**Archibald Cox, former chair
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Watergate Special Prosecutor**

There was a problem on East Hartsdale Ave. Greentough's downtown. A supermarket went out of business, causing others to follow. Paul Feiner stepped in. A new park was built, another enhanced, new street lights and a new restaurant were installed, a farmers market opened up. A vision committee made up of merchants, landlords and residents was formed. Now there's a new supermarket, a new restaurant and exciting new stores.

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Difficult Lesson in Fund-Raising

Town Supervisor Finds That Money Governs a U.S. Race

By DEBRA WEST

GREENBURGH, N.Y., June 1 — At 10 A.M., Paul J. Feiner, the normally irrepressible Town Supervisor here, was mumbling his way through an embarrassing telephone sales pitch.

"Um, hello?" he said, as if it were a question and he was sorry to ask. "My name is Paul Feiner? I'm running for Congress on the Democratic ticket? We spoke a few weeks ago and you said you might be willing to contribute to my campaign? You said you were going to talk to your husband?"

Mr. Feiner continued until, finally, he was rebuffed.

For six hours a day, nearly every day since he decided in January to run for the 20th Congressional District seat, Mr. Feiner has been on the telephone trying to raise the \$500,000 that his advisers say he needs to unseat the Republican incumbent, Representative Benjamin A. Gilman.

Although he is a seasoned local politician, Mr. Feiner said he was surprised to discover that running in a national race was almost entirely about fund-raising. Campaigning in a townwide election, he said, requires more legwork and more handshaking than it does money.

Mr. Feiner, 42, became involved in politics as a campaign volunteer at 13 (after a rabbi persuaded him, during his bar mitzvah, not to become a rabbi). He was a Westchester County legislator for eight years before being elected Greenburgh Town Supervisor in 1991. Greenburgh includes villages along the Hudson River from Hastings-on-Hudson to Tarrytown, as well as Ardsley, Elmsford and Hartsdale.

If running a national race has been a difficult student, Mr. Feiner has been a difficult student. He is so contemptuous of the money end of politics that his fund-raising manager and campaign consultant quit in May in frustration because he would not follow their advice.

"I'm already behind schedule," he

said. "They tell me I'm supposed to raise \$20,000 a week to even be taken seriously." To earn the backing of the Democratic National Committee, he was told, you have to be "first tier."

"I'm second tier," Mr. Feiner said. He made lists as he was advised, of everyone who does business in the Town of Greenburgh — developers, real estate agents, merchants, corporate directors — and called them, to solicit support. He listened to the professionals' tactics and then ignored their suggestions.

"You're not supposed to ask for money, you're supposed to tell them how much you need," Mr. Feiner said. "You're supposed to say, 'Can I have \$1,000?' and then be quiet." The first person who speaks after that loses, that's what they tell you.

For all his tumbling, most people

For a local politician, running a national race has been an education.

who knew Mr. Feiner gave something. Some wanted something back. The most egregious case involved a lawyer he met at a fund-raiser who offered cash and an introduction to important people in Rockland and Orange Counties, where Mr. Feiner is little known and his opponent, Mr. Gilman, very popular.

The lawyer made it clear he wanted to be given town legal work in exchange for his support. When Mr. Feiner balked, the man withdrew the offer.

"I don't blame him," Mr. Feiner said, and he refused to disclose the lawyer's name. "I blame the system."

So far, hundreds of people in the

20th Congressional District, which stretches to Rockland, Orange and Sullivan Counties, have contributed a total of \$135,000 to Mr. Feiner's campaign. It is far more than the \$70,000 he raised for any of his local races but not enough to buy the television and radio ads and pay for the mailings to reach people in the sprawling district.

"I just want to run for office, be able to contrast my vision with my opponent," Mr. Feiner said. "Get my message out and let the voters decide."

The opposing campaign agrees. Mr. Gilman, who is 75, chairman of the Influential International Relations Committee and seeking his 14th term in Congress, plans to raise about \$600,000, said Sandi Thoby, controller for Citizens for Gilman.

He will run on his own record of accomplishment, but he has to get that out there," Ms. Thoby said. "Everything costs money."

If Mr. Feiner does not raise enough money to win, he can still hope to run well and position himself for the future, said Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marxist College Institute for Public Opinion.

"The ability of a challenger to unseat an incumbent depends on a major scandal or a major infusion of cash," Mr. Miringoff said. "This is shaping up to be a 'don't rock the boat' election year at the moment for the Democrats. They will probably target a few races to pour money into. They would have to see some weakness from Mr. Gilman. I don't know if it's there."

Mr. Feiner, who is married to a lawyer, Sherrie Brown, got his start as a political novice. An avid bicyclist, he badgered the Westchester County Legislature to create bike lanes along the Bronx River Parkway until it finally gave in.

"If you just stay out of my office for six months," Mr. Feiner recalls, the county legislator, John DeRario, saying back in 1973, "we'll build the damn bike lanes." The following



Paul J. Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor, making fund-raising calls from his campaign headquarters at his sister's house in Scarsdale, N.Y.

year, he got the county to close the Bronx River Parkway for bicyclists on summer Sundays, a program that continues today.

His problem-solving booth has brought him a lot of attention. Every week for more than a decade, he has set up a card table, a folding chair and a "problem solver" sign at a local supermarket and offered help to people in need of anything from a bus schedule to a double lung transplant.

Mr. Feiner once tried to establish a town matchmaking service for lonely suburban singles, though the plan was later simplified to town-sponsored singles events, like dances.

"To me, that's really the whole

purpose of being involved in government," he said, with a touch of the rabbi he never became showing through. "I really get a big thrill out of helping improve people's lives."

He addresses criticism by trying to include everyone in government. First, Mr. Feiner established the call-in town meeting, in which people can stay home, watch the meeting on cable television and phone in a comment. Now he has a deputy supervisor program, and he makes political foes his deputies on special issues to bring them into the decision-making process.

"You'd be amazed how people change when they are involved," he said.

A Paradox for Helms on an Abortion Issue

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

WASHINGTON, July 31 — In June Senator Jesse Helms struck a bargain with the Clinton Administration to pay off back dues to the United Nations and reorganize the State Department.

Now Senator Helms's conservative allies — led by Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey — are putting the deal in jeopardy by demanding that it include a provision to cut off funds for organizations that perform abortions or promote abortion rights overseas.

And Senator Helms, the North Carolina Republican who is one of the staunchest opponents of abortion rights in Congress, is in the unusual spot of siding with the Clinton Administration in yet another of its confrontations with Congress over abortion. The reason? Mr. Helms has made the reorganization of the State Department and its related foreign affairs agencies one of his highest priorities since becoming chairman of the Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations two and a half years ago.

"There's nobody more pure on right-to-life issues than Jesse Helms," one aide said today, speaking on condition of anonymity. But, he added, Senator Helms also knows that the Administration is going to veto the bill if it includes the legislation restricting abortion rights.

The sides are clearly drawn, with the Republican leadership supporting Mr. Smith and the Administration vowing to veto such abortion legislation, even if doing so would scuttle the bargain and with it the effort to finally pay off the dues to the United Nations, an issue that has eroded American influence and credibility in the world body.

The fight over abortion rights has delayed efforts by the House and Senate to resolve differences in their separate bills authorizing the State Department's budget. Members of both houses met on Tuesday and Wednesday, but broke off talks after failing to resolve the abortion issue, although they made some progress on other issues.

In a closed session on Wednesday that was described as blunt, if not acrimonious, Mr. Helms and others on the Senate side leaned heavily on Mr. Smith to agree to drop the abortion legislation, but Mr. Smith held firm, according to people familiar with the meeting.

Today, staff members wrangled again over the details, but both sides acknowledged that there would be no agreement until Congress returned from its August recess.

"I think the reorganization is important," said Mr. Smith. "But I think the priority is the rights of innocent lives."

The abortion provision would restore a policy begun by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, but reversed by President Clinton after he took office in 1993. Republicans have repeatedly tried to revive it, but Mr. Clinton has always opposed it, vetoing State Department legislation last year in part because of it. Opponents of abortion rights in neither the House nor the Senate have enough votes to override him.

The United States has barred direct financing for abortion since 1973, but the 1984 policy, known familiarly as "Mexico City" since Mr. Reagan announced it during a United

States conference there, denied

grants to international family-planning organizations for any purpose if they also performed abortions or promoted abortion rights. This year the grants amounted to \$385 million. The House's insistence on linking the abortion provision — in the same way Republicans unsuccessfully added provisions on government shutdowns and census methods to the emergency flood relief earlier this year — has clearly frustrated the Administration.

Noting that Republicans had long demanded a reorganization of the State Department, a senior Administration official said with some exasperation, "They're torpedoing their own issue."

The Administration, led by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and aided by the Delaware Senator, Joseph R. Biden, the ranking Democrat on Mr. Helms's committee, had pressed for months for an overarching deal with Mr. Helms to resolve a number of foreign policy initiatives

that have stalled for years. The Senate's legislation, which passed by a vote of 90 to 5, would repay \$819 million of the more than \$1 billion the United States has owed in back dues to the United Nations for several years. It would do so over three years, provided the United Nations met certain conditions, including reducing its budgets and cutting the United States' share of payments. The legislation would also consolidate two agencies — the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the United States Information Agency — into the State Department, while the United States Agency for International Development would come under the authority of the Secretary of State, while remaining a distinct agency.

The House's legislation, which passed on June 11 by a voice vote, also authorized a reorganization, but did not include a provision for the United Nations dues. Administration officials had hoped that Mr. Helms's standing among conservatives would help win support in the House for paying the dues once the two sides met to forge a joint bill. The fight has also focused pressure on Representative Benjamin A. Gilman, the Republican from New York who is chairman of the House's Committee on International Relations. Mr. Gilman, who has sided in the past with supporters of abortion rights, promised Mr. Smith to hold fast on the abortion provisions, Republican aides said.

Senator Helms has said little publicly on the abortion fight, but as members of the House and Senate met on Wednesday, he alluded to the issue, suggesting that they not "overly emphasize" provisions not directly related to the reorganization and the dues. He said he acknowledged the passion of others — "I have burning convictions about various things," he declared — but implied that they should be dealt with elsewhere. The members then broke off and met in private.

Officials on both sides predicted that a compromise could eventually be found, but one official noted that after the government shutdowns in last year's budget brawl, the legislation on abortion was the very last thing settled.

A side issue stalls a Senator's attempt to reorganize the State Department.

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Dear Concerned Neighbor:

Gun control. Reproductive freedom for women, Nuclear disarmament. All critical issues. Issues on which your Representative in Congress casts a vote.

My name is Paul Feiner and I am the Democratic – Independence Party – Liberal candidate for Congress in the 20th Congressional District. On these important issues, as well as others, I have a very different position than the incumbent, Ben Gilman.

I am unequivocally in favor of handgun control and banning the availability of all assault and automatic weapons. Gilman voted to repeal the ban on assault weapons.

Throughout my governmental career, first as a Westchester County legislator and currently as the Supervisor of the Town of Greenburgh, I have been a consistent supporter of legal abortions and family planning services. Gilman recently voted to prevent our government from funding international family planning organizations that use private money to provide abortion services.

I am quite concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons. As recent events in India, Pakistan, and Iran have shown, nuclear proliferation is still a threat to world peace and harmony. The United States must lead the world's nations in halting the spread of nuclear weapons. Just two months ago, Gilman, at the urging of Newt Gingrich, forced the disbanding of a bipartisan panel charged with studying our government's response to nuclear proliferation.

On these three important issues, Ben Gilman has shown that his priority in Congress is to do the bidding of Newt Gingrich and his right-wing allies, despite the fact that his constituents are opposed to his positions.

In order for me to conduct an effective campaign against Ben Gilman, who is supported by right-wing special interests, I need your financial support. A contribution of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or whatever you can afford would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to send a message to those who oppose gun control, to those who oppose reproductive freedom for women, to those who oppose efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons, then send in your contribution today. The choice could not be any clearer.

I can win this race, but only with your financial help.

Thank you very much.



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Fall Elections Have Hot Spots

A key November election pits Democrat Lester Adler against incumbent Westchester County Court judge John LaCava. LaCava was elected in 1988 on the Republican, Conservative and RTL Party lines. Adler, a consistent supporter of abortion rights, will receive WCLA's endorsement.

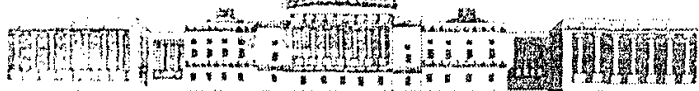
The hottest state legislative race may be in Assembly District 89, where incumbent Naomi Matusow expects a challenge from Republican County Legislator Ursula LaMotte. LaMotte, a convert to the pro-choice position in 1995, was re-elected in 1997 and, without a Democratic opponent, was endorsed by WCLA.

Matusow, who has enjoyed WCLA endorsement each time she has run for office, is one of the leading supporters of abortion rights and family planning in the NYS Assembly. WCLA played a major role in Matusow's first election in 1992, helping her defeat a 9-term anti-choice incumbent. The district includes northeastern Westchester, Harrison, and part of White Plains.

Greenburgh Supervisor and former county legislator Paul Feiner, a progressive whose political skills are finely honed, is taking on Rep. Ben Gilman in Congressional District 20, which includes Greenburgh and areas across the Hudson River. Gilman's slippage on the choice issue puts him on the defensive.

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Dear Neighbor:

I am a firm believer in the importance of civil liberties and progressive values. Paul Feiner, the Democratic, Liberal and Independence Party candidate for Congress, who has received the Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award, has demonstrated, by his actions, that he believes in these same important values.

We need Paul Feiner in Congress. Paul, the current Greenburgh Town Supervisor, and a former Westchester County legislator, has dedicated his public life to try making life a little better for all of us.

Based on what Paul has already done on the local level, I am confident that Paul will work in Congress to reform the campaign finance laws, regulate HMO's so that only doctors make medical decisions, strengthen gun control laws, preserve and protect open spaces, protect social security and Medicare, and fight to preserve a woman's right to choose. Paul has personally worked with me to help homeless families find housing. As Greenburgh Town Supervisor he has advocated for and overseen the construction of moderate and low income housing. He has also opened governmental meetings to the public and to the homebound via telephone, so that everyone can have access and input into the political system.

Paul's opponent, Ben Gilman, is a well-entrenched incumbent who will be supported by Newt Gingrich, Dick Armey and all their right-wing cohorts. Gilman voted to repeal the ban on assault weapons and fought to cut off funds to international agencies who provide family planning counseling. Gilman also voted to cut Medicare funding and to expose social security to budget cuts.

In order for Paul to win in November, he will need your financial support. A contribution of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100 or whatever you can afford would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to send a message to those who would cut off benefits to those in need, who would deny a woman's right to choose, who believe that everyone is entitled to own an assault weapon, then send in your contribution to Paul Feiner today. For me, the choice could not be easier.

Thank you very much.

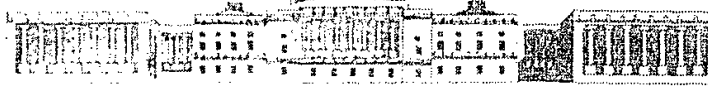
A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stanley Scheer".

Stanley Scheer, Chair
Progressive Democrats for Paul Feiner

A reply card is enclosed for your convenience.

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Dear Gun Control Advocate:

I, Paul Feiner, believe that assault weapons must be kept off our streets. My opponent for Congress, the incumbent Ben Gilman, has repeatedly voted to give people the right to buy, sell and use assault weapons. Our children are being slain and wounded by other children with guns, but many of our elected officials just do not seem to care.

How do we put an end to these senseless acts of wanton violence?

There is no simple or all-purpose answer, but one small step is to elect public officials who are committed to banning all assault weapons and making it impossible for children and felons to obtain guns.

In the race for Congress in the 20th Congressional District this year, there is only one candidate who is pro gun control. That candidate is I, Paul Feiner.

In my bid to become a Congressman, I have been endorsed by the Democratic, Liberal and Independence parties and I am unequivocally in favor of banning all assault and automatic weapons and limiting children's access to guns. I believe that the best way to put an end to random acts of violence is to limit the availability of weapons without interfering with the rights of legitimate sports people.

My opponent, the incumbent Ben Gilman, voted to repeal the ban on assault weapons. To appease his boss, Newt Gingrich, and the extreme right wing of the Republican party, Gilman voted to make it easier for teenagers and criminals to buy assault weapons. This vote puts all of our children in jeopardy because the tragedies that happened in schools across the country can happen here too.

If you want to do something about gun control, you can start by making a financial contribution to my campaign. Your financial support will enable me to get my message to the voters and educate them about my opponent's abysmal record on this all-important issue.

A contribution of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can afford will be greatly appreciated.

Send a message to Ben Gilman, Newt Gingrich and the extreme right. Now is the time to make your voice heard. The choice could not be easier.

Thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

☐ Yes. I plan to attend the pre-election party for Paul Feiner

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Dear Friend:

It breaks my heart that people are increasingly disenchanted with government and elected officials. Given the state of our politics, and politicians, I can understand why this frustration is so rampant. But more importantly, I believe that there is something that can be done about this sad state of affairs. And that is why I am now running for Congress.

Over the years, I have been able to count on your support as I took on various challenges – reforming County government, caring for our elderly, fighting for our environment and making government accessible through dial-a-democracy at Greenburgh Town Hall, maintaining regular supermarket hours, and encouraging the public to contact me with their concerns, both at the office and at my home.

We need to continue such efforts and change the way our government does business. And that is why I need your help.

My decision to run for Congress was not an easy one. I knew that I would have an uphill fight against an incumbent who pretends to be moderate but votes as one of Newt Gingrich's comrades. I knew that the people of our congressional district deserve better. My interests begin and end in doing the best that I can for our community, fighting for our values and letting you know that your government belongs to you. I can't do it without your help.

I believe that my message and proven record are a winning combination. But without the funds to get my message out, we will continue to be stuck with politics as usual. We need a Congressman who is a vigorous advocate for campaign finance reform, educational standards, protecting seniors, creating jobs, and making sure that New York taxpayers get a fair shake – not a shake down – from Washington.

To help me change things, please take the time to fill out the enclosed card and support my campaign however you can. Whether you can give \$250, \$100, \$40, or \$25, it will make a difference. And if you can spare some time to volunteer I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks so much for your friendship and support.

Best wishes....

Paul