



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Kenneth F. Boehm, Chairman  
National Legal and Policy Center  
107 Park Washington Court  
Falls Church, VA 22046

**RE: MUR 5198**

Dear Mr. Boehm:


On January 13, 2004, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated April 17, 2001, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe that the Honorable Maria Cantwell, Cantwell 2006 and Keith Grinstein, as treasurer ("Cantwell Committee"), and U.S. Bank National Association violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. The Commission also found there was reason to believe the Cantwell Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action against the Cantwell Committee and closed the file in this matter on January 13, 2004. At the same time, the Commission admonished the Cantwell Committee that failing to timely report complete loan information is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

Portions of the file will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

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Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

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