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April 27, 2001

Lois G. Lerner, Acting General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
6th Floor
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5198, The Honorable Maria Cantwell,
Cantwell 2000 and Keith Grinstein, as Treasurer

Dear Ms. Lerner:

This letter is on behalf of our clients, the Honorable Maria Cantwell, Cantwell 2000 (the "Committee") and Keith Grinstein, as Treasurer, requesting an extension of time to respond to the complaint in the above-captioned matter.

The Committee is seeking an additional twenty (20) days to respond to this matter due to the fact that both Counsel for the Committee will be out of town on previously scheduled travel over the next two weeks. As a result, we request that the response in this matter be due on June 1, 2001.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us at 202-778-4040.

Sincerely,


Eric Kleinfeld
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