



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 5198
Honorable Maria Cantwell; Cantwell 2000 Committee; and Keith Grinstein,
Treasurer

Dear Ms. Utrecht and Mr. Kleinfeld:

This is in response to your letter dated April 27, 2001, which we received on April 30, 2001, requesting an extension until June 1, 2001, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on June 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alva E. Smith".

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal
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