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Chris DePino, Chairman  
Connecticut Republican State Central Committee  
97 Elm Street-Rear  
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RE: MUR 4814  
Friends of Jim Maloney. *et al.*

Dear Mr. DePino:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on September 24, 1998, concerning various primary contributions to Friends of Jim Maloney.

Based on that complaint, on July 13, 1999, the Commission found that there was reason to believe Friends of Jim Maloney and Patricia Draper, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On the same date the Commission further found that there was reason to believe Barbara Kennelly for Congress and Jane L. Taylor, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), and that the Committee to Re-Elect Loretta Sanchez and Kinde Durkee, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), in connection with the Kennelly Committee's December 31, 1997 contribution to the Sanchez Committee.

However, after considering the circumstances of the contributions at issue in this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action against the above listed respondents. At the same time, the Commission reminded the Maloney Committee that a separate primary election limit is not available to candidates nominated by party convention and not otherwise opposed until the regularly scheduled general election, admonishing the Committee that the acceptance and receipt of primary contributions under such circumstances is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). The Commission also admonished the Kennelly and Sanchez Committees that the making and acceptance of contributions in excess of \$1,000 between candidate committees is a violation of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441(a)(1)(A) and 441a(f), respectively.

Concerning the remaining allegations in the complaint, on July 13, 1999, the Federal Election Commission further found, based on information provided in the complaint and information provided by respondents, that there was no reason to believe the Maloney Committee and the Kennelly Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441a(a)(1)(A), respectively, in connection with the Kennelly Committee's August 13, 1998 contribution to the Maloney Committee. Last, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe the individually listed contributors, BANKPAC, Eugene Buckley, Edward Tuft, James O. Gaston, Ruth Lord, Henry Lord or Thomas J. Donohue violated either 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) or 441a(a)(2)(A), as applicable, in connection with their contributions to the Maloney Committee.

Accordingly, on July 13, 1999, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days. 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 M. Noble  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L92" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

BY: Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report