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Federal Elections Commission
999 E. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attention: JENNIFER BOYT

Re: MUR-4793

Dear Ms. Boyt;

This is being sent in response to your letter of August 27, 1998 regarding MUR-4793.

In the August 12, 1998 complaint letter forwarded to your office by "Citizen Action of New York" there are attached two sheets of paper which list names of individuals or companies and their donations to an elected official Anthony Weiner. All of the entries on both pages are dated between 4/26/94 and 9/4/97. During this time Anthony Weiner was a City Councilman in the City of New York. Our research in regard to the contributions made indicated that all of the indicated contributions were to support Anthony Weiner in his race for the City Council.

It is our belief that corporate contributions are allowed to be made to candidates in the local races for City Council in New York. None of the donations were in anyway connected to or associated with a Congressional race or race for any federal elective office.

The mailing that was forwarded from the Association indicated on its face that **"NO CORPORATE CHECKS ARE ALLOWED TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE BY FEDERAL LAW. PERSONAL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "FRIENDS OF WEINER."** The copy of the letter that was enclosed with the complaint was a working copy that was given to only a few (less than 7 companies) individuals. In our general mailing the letter sent to the membership made no mention of company check payable to "Metropolitan" or cash.

The form was copied off a previous announcement by staff regarding a local election race for local office. The Association in a rare instance does raise money from the membership for local races. This was not one of those instances.

In either case NO funds were solicited by the Association that were received by the Association and either directly or indirectly given for any Federal election campaign. That means no Association check, no cash and no corporate checks were given to the federal election campaign of Anthony Weiner by either myself or any employee of the Metropolitan NY Towing & Auto Body Association.

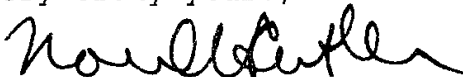
My staff was advised that any inquiry made to our office as to whether cash or corporate donations could be made regarding the Congressional race was to be emphatically answered in the negative.

I do not wish to comment on Mr. Schrader's impression of the "tone of the letter" sent - but please bear in mind that the letter was sent only to members of the Association and not to any member of the general public. There were many times the Association disagreed with Mr. Schrader while he was Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs which regulated our industry. In fact, in many of those instances Mr. Schrader was proved to be wrong or mistaken in his beliefs.

In regard to the October 1997 event our membership was well aware that no cash or corporate contributions could be made. This was pointedly made by telephone communication as well as in our written documents.

I have had this letter notarized so all of its statements are made under oath. I hope this answers all of your questions. I have no further documents to forward as none exist.

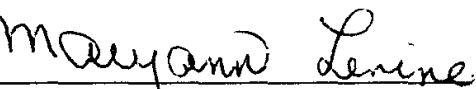
Very truly yours,



METROPOLITAN NY TOWING & AUTO BODY ASSN.

By: Norman Teitler
Executive Director

Sworn to before me this
1st day of September, 1998.



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