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FEC RELEASES TWO COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on two matters previously under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3616

RESPONDENTS: (a) Nita Lowey (NY)
(b) Nita Lowey for Congress, Aaron Eidelman, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Sandra M. Monteiro (NY)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely, disclaimers, failure to report in-kind contributions
DISPOSITION: (a) No Reason to Believe* [re: disclaimer]
(b) Reason to believe but took no further action*
Sent admonishment letter [re: disclaimer]

2. 3931

RESPONDENTS: (a) Luis V. Gutierrez (IL)
(b) Gutierrez for Congress, Raul Vega, treasurer (IL)
(c) CBS, Inc. (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Juan M. Soliz (IL)
SUBJECT: In-kind corporate contribution/press exemption
DISPOSITION: (a-c) No Reason to believe*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
2. "Reason to believe" stage
3. "Probable cause" stage
4. Conciliation stage

It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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