Mr. Fred Wertheimer
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Dear Mr. Wertheimer:

Your letter addressed to the Attorney General requesting this Department to enforce the criminal penalties provided in the Federal Election Campaign Act with respect to political activities paid for with so-called "soft money" by advocacy corporations organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 527), has been referred to the Criminal Division for reply.

The investigation and prosecution of knowing and willful violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act are priorities of this Department. Please be assured that we intend to vigorously pursue instances where individuals or organizations knowingly and intentionally violate the clear commands of this important statute.

Should you or your organization come into possession of information indicating that such intentional violations of established and known statutory duties and prohibitions have occurred, you should bring that information to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely,

John C. Keker
Deputy Assistant Attorney General