



NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20456

February 3, 1991

Frederic W. Airy
President Common Bond Communications, Inc.
Box 251
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Re: Americans for a Balanced Budget Solicitation

Dear Mr. Airy:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to David Miner, Chairman of Americans for a Balanced Budget. As you can see by the letter, his organization agreed to cease using the NCUA logo in its solicitations. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

HATTIE M. ULAN
Associate General Counsel

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Mr. David Miner
Chairman, Americans for a Balanced Budget
Washington, D.C. 20069-1086

Re: NCUA Logo

Dear Mr. Miner:

This letter is to follow-up on the January 14, 1990 telephone conversation you had with one of our staff attorneys. As you know, your solicitation concerning the budget deficit (see enclosure) contains two facsimile checks that feature the National Credit Union Administration's (NCUA) logo, as well as a version of the NCUA sign containing the NCUA logo.

Use of the NCUA logo in this manner violates federal law. 18 U.S.C. §701 states in part that:

Whoever manufactures, sells, or possess any badge, identification card, or other insignia, of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States for use by any officer or employee thereof . . . except as authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Furthermore, 18 U.S.C. §709 provides, among other things, that whoever falsely advertises or represents that a business, product, or service has been in any way endorsed, authorized or approved by NCUA shall be fined or imprisoned or both. The use of the logo in your solicitation may be viewed as a quasi-endorsement of your message by NCUA. In a January 17 conversation with one of our staff attorneys, Colin Chapman of your office stated that no further solicitations containing the NCUA logo will be mailed. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hattie M. Ulan
Associate General Counsel

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Dear Concerned Taxpayer,

You are paying U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy and Senate Leader George Mitchell over eight thousand dollars each a month to make laws that apply to every American.

Except themselves.

I have sent you the enclosed paychecks of Kennedy and Mitchell -- a whopping \$8,166.67 -- because you have a right to know how your tax dollars are being spent every month.

As Chairman of Americans for a Balanced Budget, I'm asking you to put a "STOP PAYMENT" on these paychecks to show Kennedy and Mitchell they are not above the law.

Because if Kennedy and Mitchell's double standard enrages you as it does me, you will want to put a "STOP PAYMENT" on these checks right now.

All I need you to do is write "STOP PAYMENT" on these checks and return them to me today.

When I receive your authorization to "STOP PAYMENT," I will know you stand with me in stopping this abuse of power.

And I will count you among the few who are choosing to revolt against this intolerable behavior.

Please write "STOP PAYMENT" on these monthly paychecks for liberal Senator Kennedy and Senate Leader Mitchell and return them to me immediately.

Thank you for helping Americans for a Balanced Budget battle the law-exempting liberals with your written "STOP PAYMENT" across the face of these paychecks.

As a fellow taxpayer and law-abiding citizen, it is your right to know what your hard-earned taxes are paying liberal U.S. Senators Kennedy and Mitchell to do.

Frankly, I don't think you are going to like what I

have to tell you today.

Radical U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy and ultra-liberal Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell believe they are above the law.

These liberal members of Congress have displayed a gross abuse of power by exempting themselves from a host of laws that apply to every other American.

Let me give you a few examples:

You and I obey the standards of the Equal Opportunity Act which requires all employers not to discriminate on the basis of race, color or sex.

But not the liberal Congress.

You and I abide the Age Discrimination in Employment Act whereby employers must not discriminate on the basis of age.

But not Ted Kennedy and George Mitchell.

And you and I adhere to the Fair Labor Standards Act which requires all employers to provide proper facilities and fair and equal treatment of employees.

But once again, not the liberals in Congress.

Ted Kennedy and George Mitchell, along with their liberal Congressional cohorts, have also exempted themselves from other laws.

Laws as integral as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and it's later counterpart, the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

Laws like the Civil Service Reform Act, The Equal Pay Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It is obvious by these exemptions that these Senators believe they are above the law.

While other Americans obey laws that protect them against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or age...

...Congressmen like Kennedy and Mitchell are busy cashing their paychecks and practicing a status quo of double standards.

Because that is what you and I are looking at: a Congressional double standard.

A standard in which members of Congress have exempted themselves from the laws that apply to every other American.

A standard which says you and I must obey acts like

the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Opportunity Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, but not them.

A standard which says they are better than you or I.

Just listen to the arrogance of one liberal U.S. Senator:

"This is the Senate, it is not subject to the same rules and laws of a manufacturing plant in New Hampshire or a Farm in Iowa."

This liberal Senator and friend of Ted Kennedy also added:

"I am not embarrassed to stand here tonight and say we are not exactly like everybody else."

As Chairman for Americans for a Balanced Budget, I want you to know it is just this kind of pathetic incompetence I am seeking to rid our U.S. Congress of.

Because to be blunt, you and I are faced with an urgent crisis.

Easily the biggest financial crisis this country has faced since the Great Depression.

And it is critical that you and I team up together to reduce our deepening deficit and balance our federal budget before liberals like Kennedy and Mitchell make it worse.

Because even though you and I are paying these liberal U.S. Senators a monthly salary of \$8,166.67...

...they are voting to exempt themselves of the laws that apply to you, me and every other American!

As Chairman for Americans for a Balanced Budget, I am working harder than ever to uphold the principles I hope you and I share.

Americans for a Balanced Budget supports the Balanced Budget Amendment -- this is one of our top priorities.

Americans for a Balanced Budget supports Congressional reform -- pay raises, stealing from Social Security and exemption from discrimination laws is not conducive to a balanced economy.

And Americans for a Balanced Budget supports an unwavering stance of no new taxes.

In order for Americans for a Balanced Budget to fight for these three principles and others, I need to ask you for one important favor:

Your financial support now.

Your contribution of \$35, \$100, \$350, \$500 or \$1,000

will help Americans for a Balanced Budget alert America of Congressional activities and demand reform.

Because the liberal Congress should not be allowed to exempt themselves from the same laws that bind you, I and every other American together.

Your contribution of \$35, \$100, \$350, \$500 or \$1,000 will help Americans for a Balanced Budget fight to put the liberal Congress back on your level.

Our U.S. Constitution supports that all men are created equal. That includes Congress. And that includes liberals like Kennedy and Mitchell!

If you know how bad our deficit is, you understand how critical the situation is.

The upshot is this:

You and I are facing the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

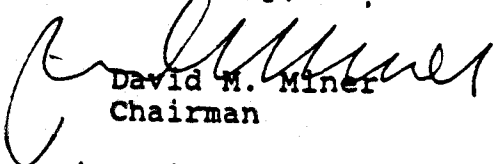
That is why you must act now.

You must send your generous maximum contribution of \$35, \$100, \$350, \$500 or \$1,000 to Americans for a Balanced Budget today.

Don't forget to also write "STOP PAYMENT" on the enclosed paychecks of \$8,166.67 that you and I pay Senator Kennedy and Senate Leader Mitchell every month and return them to me today.

Thank you for your immediate critical donation, whether it is \$35 or \$3,500.

Sincerely,



David M. Miner
Chairman

P.S. You and I are paying liberal U.S. Senators Ted Kennedy, George Mitchell and their cohorts \$8,166.67 a month to vote themselves pay raises, raid the Social Security Fund and exempt themselves from the laws you, I and every other American obey faithfully.

I need your help now to fight for Congressional reform before you and I find ourselves in the depths of another Depression! Please let me hear from you today.

**IMMEDIATE AND CRITICAL
REPLY TO AMERICANS FOR A BALANCED BUDGET**

Dear Chairman Miner,

I have read your letter about how Senator Ted Kennedy and Senate Leader George Mitchell think they are above the law. I have written "STOP PAYMENT" on each of their paychecks and am returning them to you now.

I demand there be congressional reform and urge you to alert the citizens and fellow taxpayers of America to this moral outrage.

I also want to help Americans for a Balanced Budget reduce the deficit and enact a Balanced Budget for the present and the future so that we will not face the possible recession we are facing now.

To accomplish these tasks, I am sending my urgent and immediate contribution of:

\$1,000

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**Please make your check payable to:
Americans for a Balanced Budget**



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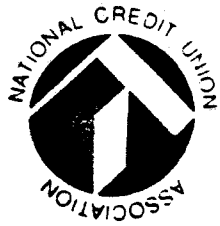
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF United States Senator George Mitchell

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