



## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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### REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN BILL COTTER

#### I. Background

##### A. Overview

This report is based upon an audit of the Committee to Re-Elect Congressman Bill Cotter ("the Committee") undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(a)(8) of Title 2, United States Code, which directs the Commission to make from time to time audits and field investigations with respect to reports and statements filed under the provisions of the Act.

The Committee registered with the Federal Election Commission on June 16, 1976, as the principal campaign committee of the Honorable William R. Cotter, a candidate for the United States House of Representatives from the 1st District of Connecticut. The Committee maintained its headquarters in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1976, the close of the 1976 campaign period. During that period the Committee reported beginning cash of \$3,827.23, receipts of \$77,488.66\*, expenditures of \$61,720.12\*, and ending cash of \$19,595.77.

This audit report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in this report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

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\* 1976 cumulative total per disclosure report understated by \$15.25.



B. Key Personnel

The principal officers of the Committee during the period of the audit were Mr. Richard G. Patterson, Campaign Manager, 1/ and Mr. Robert H. Zaiman, Treasurer.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and, such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Auditor's Statement

It is the opinion of the Audit staff, based upon examination of the reports and statements filed and the records presented, that the reports and statements of the Committee to Re-Elect Congressman Bill Cotter fairly represent the financial activities of the Committee for the period covered by the audit. No material problems in complying with the Federal Election Campaign Act were discovered during the course of the audit.

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1/ The Committee employed the term "Campaign Manager" for the person who filled the role of Chairman.

CONGRESSIONAL AUDIT REPORT

Candidate/Committee: Bill Cotter / Committee to Re-elect  
Congressman Bill Cotter

State: Connecticut

District: 1

Location: Hartford

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Major Opponent(s): Lucien DiFazio (R)

Other Candidates Audited: DiFazio

Votes Cast: General Election - Cotter 128,479 DiFazio 94,106

Primary Election - None

Total Receipts for Period: \$77,488.66

Total Expenditures for Period: \$61,720.12

First Elected (if applicable): 1970

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