

September 17, 2001  
RE: IO-01-146

You inquired whether it would be permissible under the Public Ethics Law for you to print 2000 copies of a form at the request of, and for the use of a county council member. Specifically, the form consists of a letter size paper with one sentence at the top, and eight lines for names, addresses, and signatures. The form says, "We, the undersigned citizens of Anne Arundel County, urge the federal government to pass affordable prescription drug legislation for long term relief for senior citizens." The council member proposes to hand this form out at various senior centers in the county.

It is the opinion of the ethics commission that the council member is engaged in constituent services, within the meaning of §3-104(b). Therefore the use of county resources, including printing costs, does not violate the ethics law.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any additional questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

by fax and interoffice mail