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# Michael Toner Weighs In on \$1,000 Giveaway Proposed by Presidential Candidate

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Michael E. Toner, chair of Wiley Rein's Election Law & Government Ethics Practice, was quoted by *The Washington Post* and *NBC News* in coverage of Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang's plan to give a \$1,000 monthly "Freedom Dividend" to 10 randomly selected families for a year. Mr. Yang has said the program, which would be funded by campaign contributions, would demonstrate how his proposal for a universal basic income would work.

Mr. Toner, a former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, said the FEC's restrictions on the "personal use" of campaign funds would likely prohibit the type of giveaway proposed by Mr. Yang.

The *Washington Post* article can be found [here](#).

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