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Chair, Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Re: draft AO 2003-23

I am the owner of a political and administrative employment agency in Washington, D. C., called PoliTemps.

We first learned of the proposal by **WeLead** several weeks ago.

I found it very interesting and wanted to weigh in on this issue. The reason is this; It appeals to the people that come through our doors and work in public affairs jobs throughout the city in a variety of capacities in *temporary* positions. It's these temporary workers that keep this city running and provide the labor force for much of professional Washington, D. C.

As our applicants/candidates' employment situation changes, some individuals financial situation also changes. It's our experience in working with these individuals, that they may be in a position to give a small contribution *one* month, but several months, or weeks later, their situation may change— out of a job, less in the paycheck, more bills, etc. The 'savings account' that **WeLead** is proposing is actually ideally suited for these type of individuals that we place in temporary jobs. The temporary staffer, the struggling intern, the rising legal intern at FEC (!) , are all types who fit the profile of those with fluid financial situations.

*The current campaign finance laws requires that when PACs raise money on behalf of individuals, they must forward the funds they receive within 10 days of receiving those funds. Because **WeLead** is raising money for a position, not a predetermined person, they are not able to forward the funds they receive within ten days because they don't know who to forward the funds to until one candidate has the number of delegates needed to secure the nomination.*

Give them an opportunity to put aside $25, $50, even $ 200 for the Presidential Candidate — anytime they want.

Thanks for your consideration of this issue, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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President

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