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Dear FEC Representative:

As an independent voter, I must strongly urge you to NOT approve the following proposal:

A proposal the FEC is considering could open a new source of spending in presidential races, however. Commission attorneys, citing a 1996 Supreme Court ruling on coordination, suggest letting the national party committees spend unlimited amounts directly in support of their presidential nominees, as long as the spending is conducted independent of the candidates' campaigns.

In the past, parties have been able to spend only limited amounts on behalf of presidential candidates in coordination with the campaigns. Under the proposal, the parties could continue to spend limited amounts in concert with the campaigns, but would also have the option of spending as much as they wish if it's done independently.

They could spend unlimited amounts even if the nominees accept taxpayer money to finance their presidential campaigns.

The corrupting influence of money is the primary problem with the election system (besides partisan redistricting) . And to add 'fuel to the fire' by allowing such a 'funding proposal' is especially ludicrous if a candidate is already receiving matching funds from the taxpayer.

I am completely, absolutely, and irrevocably opposed to ANY ruling where the effect is to nullify the intent of the BCRA. And ,believe it or not, so are most voters.

It is WAY past time for the corruptive effect of money on the elective system to be addressed in a meaningful way, as contrasted to figuring out how money can 'continue to flow'.

Sincerely,

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