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Subject: campaign contribution rules

To person in charge, I was unable to review the proposed campaign contribution rules on my computer, but will make my thoughts known anyway in hopes that they are covered in the new rules. My thoughts are rather simple. NO campaign funds should be allowed to be used for anything except the candidate's campaign costs which would include advertising, literature and other handout items such as pens, rulers, etc. Any unused funds should either go to the party or to a charity of the candidates choice with NO tax deduction being allowed on the part of the candidate. These rules should be applicable from the smallest local level through the federal level. They should not be used to fund big dinners or similar events which I would consider as "buying" votes. Money is given to candidates for one purpose only--to be used in their campaigns. This also means it should not be used to cover any office expenses by the candidate once he/she is in office. I can see politicians finding ways to interpret "office use" to cover costs not intended to be covered. I hope my thoughts are covered in the new proposed rules. Thank you, Lyle R. Rolfe, 2580 Wyckwood Court, Aurora, Ill. 60506, Lrerartr@aol.com



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Dear Sir/Madam, I recently sent you my thoughts on rules for use of campaign contributions and have since been able to pull up the proposed rules on my computer so I could read them. I'm not sure I understood all 10 pages since they are written in legalese, apparently by lawyers for lawyers to understand, but if I understand some of what I read, those already in federal office can use the funds for work-related expenses, one of which might be fact finding trips. I don't know of any politician who ever used his/her own personal funds for such a trip. You and I and all the other taxpayers have funded these trips or junkets as some prefer to call them so why should campaign funds be used here? And, if such trips are considered valid uses for campaign funds, does this include the costs of others who may be on the trips? If so, is there a possibility that the elected official could include people he/she may owe something to for their work, contribution etc. I assume this has been or will be covered in your review of the proposed rules. Also, I said in my earlier note that I had no objections to these funds being used for charitable contributions as long as the candidate is not allowed a tax deduction for contributing someone else's money. I did not see mention of this in your proposed rules, but I hope it will be considered and that you will rule that the candidate can not use the contribution as a tax deduction. Thank you, Lyle R.. Rolfe, 2580 Wyckwood Court, Aurora, Ill. 60506, Lrerartr@aol.com