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Federal Election Commission
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Dear Sir:

I'm increasing nervous about the federal government's intrusion into Americans' free speech rights. Campaign finance laws, in particular McCain-Feingold, have made the national news media too powerful at the expense of everyday citizens.

Your latest attempt to intrude on free speech rights includes applying campaign finance laws to bloggers on the Internet. Bloggers are everyday citizens with opinions that should not be quashed by any law. They express and give access to opinions and facts that can't readily be found in the national news media.

This country should be all about more free speech in order to counteract free speech others don't like. If someone doesn't like what certain bloggers say, then they should counteract that speech the old fashioned, all-American way: with more free speech. Please don't tear down what our founders died to give us.

Sincerely,



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