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Subject: Response to Proposed Rulemaking

I am attaching my letter from Community Volunteers in Medicine.

Thank you Helen Heidelbaugh



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RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in 2004-6, 69 Fed Register 11736-11760  
(March 11, 2004)

Dear Sirs:

Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) strongly opposes the FEC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice 2004-6) on "Political Committee Status" that is designed to broaden the definition of a "political committee" in order to bring many tax exempt organizations, including Section 501 ( c ) (3) and Section 501 ( c ) (4) organizations, as well as others, under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission. The current definition of a "political committee" has worked well for years.

It is clearly evident that many non-profits including CVIM are meeting a need of this nation that no public sector funding is meeting. CVIM is totally funded through private philanthropy and utilizes hundreds of volunteers. Our organization as well as many non-profits operate lean and mean. Cumbersome government regulation will destroy the very fiber of this non-profit sector. There are no lobbying budgets in place and CVIM is called upon to speak on behalf of community issues. Lobbying is not a priority for most of us. CVIM is simply a community advocate for the working poor-a problem of growing proportion in this country.

Our organization is a physician and dental office providing primary care to the uninsured working poor. Government energies need to be focused on real issues in this country. More government is never a viable solution. Please do not kill the essential world of non-profits in this nation.

Sincerely,

Helen F. Heidelbaugh, R.N.  
President and CEO