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Subject: Letter opposing rule change

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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
Acting Assistant General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

via electronic mail: politicalcommitteestatus@fec.gov

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Political Committee Status, 69 Fed. Reg. 11736 (March 11, 2004)

Dear Ms. Dinh:

The Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations (CANPO) joins other nonprofits in urging the Federal Election Commission to exclude 501(c)(3) organizations from the definition of "political committee."

CANPO is a membership organization made up of 1250 nonprofits throughout Colorado. In our role as the "voice of the sector," however, we speak for the over 16,000 charitable nonprofits in Colorado in opposing these regulations which would seriously damage our efforts to advocate for the causes we serve.

I know that you have received many letters expressing the concern of America's nonprofit sector. CANPO willingly and enthusiastically adds our voice to those.

I have worked in the nonprofit sector for 38 years and am very concerned about the possibility of no longer being able to advocate on behalf of a nonprofit cause for fear of being labeled a political committee. I urge you to consider seriously these requests from nonprofit professionals nationwide.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Shaw
Executive Director