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Subject: Proposed Rules on Political Committee Status under Notice 2004-6

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Dear Ms. Dinh:

Please submit the attached comments to all the FEC Commissioners.



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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
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Dear MS. Dinh:

We urge all FEC Commission members to reject the proposed rules on Political Committee Status being considered under Notice 2004-6. A variety of non-profit organizations both liberal and conservative provide us with a broad spectrum of information on which we can make judgments about what is true.

Non-profit organizations should continue to engage in:

1. Issue advocacy
2. Nonpartisan voter participation activities
3. Communication with their members on legislative and public policy matters.

We find it alarming that a decision with serious ramifications in regard to freedom of speech and information would be attempted on such an expeditious timeline. Congress has addressed these issues. Do not deter ordinary citizen's ability to make educated decisions through limiting access to information and varying opinions. This brings to mind tactics used in countries that we criticize as being non-democratic.

Sincerely yours,

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