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To: politicalcommitteestatus@fec.gov
cc:

Subject: McConnell v. FEC, 540 U.S. Non-profit issue - PLEASE READ!

Dear Ms. Mai T. Dinh,
I'm an American. I love this country! I understand the FEC is moving to amend the definition of "political committee" applicable to nonconnected committees. When you examine the issue of whether the current definitions of "political committee" adequately encompasses all organizations that should be considered political committees subject to the limitations, prohibitions and reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, please consider where our country is headed.

Realistically, today's America is run by big money. It is my understanding that the findings of McConnell v. FEC, 540 U.S. were intended to level the playing field between the very wealthy and the rest of America (in theory). Though in reality this level playing field will never be obtained, the FEC's first priority is to constantly pursue this end. McConnell v. FEC, 540 U.S. as it now stands has positively improved our election system though. Unfortunately, the suggested amendment of the definition of "political committee" could remove any progress that was originally made by McConnell v. FEC, 540 U.S., and could leave our system's democratic nature in an even worse state than before!!

To cripple non-profit groups of any kind - whether they are conservative, progressive, labor, religious, secular, social service, charitable, educational, civic participation, issue-oriented, large, and small - would be a direct attack against the principles of American Democracy. Please do not take away the different voices of America!!! These groups are what make our political system run; our country is too large, too vast, too varied to survive without non-profits that communicate with the voting public! Our democracy will fall apart if these voices cannot communicate. If this happens, how can we differentiate ourselves from the many dictatorships around the world that hold mock elections? Now is a very important time in our nations history - in the history of the world! The decisions we make now determine if America will continue to prosper and serve as an example for the world to follow. PLEASE DON'T GIVE IN TO THE INTERESTS OF THE WEALTHY ALONE - PLEASE SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! PLEASE SERVE THE INTERESTS OF DEMOCRACY!

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