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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
Acting Assistant General Counsel

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Dear Ms. Dinh,

I am a citizenship teacher for recent immigrants who need help in preparing to take the United States citizenship exam. When discussing the Bill of Rights, one of the things I stress is "freedom of speech," and we talk about how, in the United States, we are free to give our opinions about the government without fear of recrimination.

With freedom of speech in mind, I am concerned about the FEC's proposed rule changes that would affect non-profit groups' communications with the public. One of my favorite concerns is maintaining a healthy environment. I rely upon notifications from several non-profit environmental groups to help keep me informed about what is going on in Congress and how various politicians vote on such issues. Without these groups' input, I would not be able to make responsible choices at the polls.

Please do not allow non-profit organizations to be crippled by turning them into federal political committees. Such changing of the rules, especially in an election year, not only smacks of partisan politics, it seems un-American. It begins an erosional process of our basic rights; rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I am glad that I am able to write to you at this time without fear of recrimination.

Sincerely,
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