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I am deeply disturbed by the possibility that non-profit public interest organizations may be limited in their ability to provide information because of the Federal Election Commission's proposed rule change, which would consider them as political committees. Dissemination of pertinent verifiable information that is in an organization's area of expertise helps us make informed decisions when we vote for officials and ballot measures. It is a public service.

A ruling to limit the voice of non-profits would impinge on grassroots rights of free speech. This has already been curtailed by corporate monopolization of media and the propagandizing by our federal administration, exemplified by the Medicare Prescription Benefit ads on television at our expense.

Let the people speak, and our citizens make up their own minds. Free flow of information is the best base for democracy.

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