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Dear Ms. Dinn:

It has come to my attention that the Republican National Committee ("RNC") is pressing the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") to issue new rules that would *cripple groups* that dare to communicate with the public in any way critical of President Bush or members of Congress.

I hope that the FEC understands how dangerously un-American this request by the RNC has the potential to be. I hope the FEC deny their request that's outcome will only serve to weaken democracy in America and stifle the public's right to organize.

What on God's green earth kind of democracy is the RNC attempting to create by pursuing FEC rule changes that would limit people's freedom of expression? Doesn't the RNC realize that if the FEC stifles the American citizen's freedom to organize, that it would undermine democracy as we know it? Don't they understand that President Bush's Patriot Act has already done enough to put a wet blanket on the American people's civil liberties? Don't they understand that Americans will be living in constant fear that its own political process, not terrorism, will erode their civil liberties?

Everyone knows it is more persuasive for people to speak in groups. What is ironic about the RNC's request is that Congress and the President speak as one group each and every day and what they say is engraved in stone and affects us all. So, why shouldn't elected officials want to know what its constituents are thinking? Isn't it our opinions that helps them in representing us in their decision making process in the first place?

What kind of America dose the RNC, who up until now we thought was a protector of democracy, want for its children? Do they want an America that limits its citizen's right to express their ideas? Or do they want their children to have the freedom that they themselves have *always* enjoyed? Wouldn't one think that the RNC would want their children to grow up being governed by a system that allows for freedom of

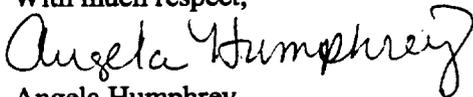
expression, so they will be allowed to take part in the democratic process by expressing themselves and letting their voices be heard one-by-one *or* one-by-a- million. Aren't these ideas and exercises what separates us from the nations we've categorized as "Axis of Evil"?

I petition the FEC to reject the RNC's request to further erode American's civil liberties. The freedom to speak openly and to organize is and should always be a *fundamental right* of each and every citizen in this nation. *Isn't the freedom of the masses to organize and to speak publicly an essential part of the democracy that our soldiers are giving their lives for everyday in Iraq and Afghanistan? Is it possible that they won't be able to exercise these same rights upon their return home? And wouldn't that be the most horrific homecoming for our soldiers?*

If we keep allowing the Constitution to be weakened, through the back door or otherwise, then "**we the people**" would have done a better job of destroying democracy in America than the evil terrorist of 911 ever could have dreamed possible.

Isn't it part of the FEC and RNC's mission to protect and insure democracy remains viable in America and to one day spread democracy across the world? Then what better way of meeting at least part of this mission than by rejecting this *unpatriotic* request from the Republican National Committee to infringe on the privileges of each American's right of free expression?

With much respect,



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