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Dear Ms. Mai T. Dinh  
Acting Assistant General Counsel

I am greatly opposed to the FEC regulating non-profits and classifying them as "political committees" as the Bush Administration is requesting. I am a member of non-profit organizations and know many people who work for non-profits. These regulations are going to change the Avenue in which organizations such as Moveon.org can voice our opinions on the issues. Such organizations designed a way to finally organize our voices, and let us have access to the issues. If they are not allowed to communicate to us what is happening and what we can do about it, then there will be a lot of discouragement that I have always felt as a voter. Any type of hindrance and restrictions is dangerous especially since we must otherwise rely on the poor campaign advertising efforts and the frustration of relying on the medias influence or lack of coverage. We need another outlet to bring the voice back to the people. I have called my representatives many times and always feel that they are glad to hear our opinion as their constituents increasing my loyalty to them.

I greatly oppose regulation of Non-profits and see it as another damning attempt by the Bush Administration to tie the hands of those who do not agree with his policies.

Voter turn-out has only gotten lower and that is a sign of people feeling disenfranchised from their countries leaders. I know co-workers and friends who feel like their vote doesn't count. However, for me and many others being able to finally take part in what is happening and using our voice to write editors of newspapers contact our representatives, these are all skills that I actively use thanks to corporations like moveon.org, Environmental Defense Fund, TakeActionNetwork have gained ground.

Additional reasons

"- Campaign finance reform was not meant to gag public interest organizations.  
- Political operatives are trying to silence opposition to Bush policy.  
- The Federal Election Commission has no legal right to treat non-profit interest groups as political committees. Congress and the courts have specifically considered and rejected such regulation."

I want to keep an eye on what is happening!! Communication is the greatest gift. Thank you for listening.

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