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Ms. Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant General Counsel;

The shocking lengths to which the Republican interests are going to silence and impair the ability of the American public to comment on our elected officials deserves your complete attention. This endeavor strikes me as a thinly veiled attempt to make it at least difficult, if not impossible for the public to question and receive answers to the very difficult questions that we face as a nation prior to the coming election. We have seen the election process compromised, we know that the information the media feeds us is limited. The American people need to contribute to and debate what is happening politically. The rule changes challenge our First Amendment rights and our ability to strengthen public participation in our democratic way of life. Please allow non profit groups to continue as an essential part of the fabric of our culture. It would be onerous to these groups should these rule changes occur and federal regulations strangle them. There are presently enough IRS regulations governing their activity, further restrictions have been rejected by Congress. Does the FEC have a legal right to override what the courts and Congress have decided?

Thank you for your time. Beverly Miller President Local USA 829 IATSE- 29 West 38th Street 15th FL. NY NY 10018 email bev@usa829.org.

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