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Federal Election Commission  
Attention: Ms. Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant Counsel General  
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Dear Ms. Mai T. Dinh:

I am simply floored that the FEC would even consider any rules changes that would impede free speech. The current proposal submitted by the Republican National Committee is an outrageous attempt to stifle legitimate free speech all for the sake of their candidate: George Bush. I happen to belong to a great many non-profit organizations, and whether our government is supportive of our efforts or not, I have every right as an American to speak my mind on my organization's behalf.

It is my understanding that is simply a veiled attempt to curb any criticism of the President during a tough election year by his political operatives. More free speech, not less, is always the answer. We cannot judge truth from falsehood unless we have the ability to compare and contrast ideas in a robust forum. The current proposal before the FEC would limit those ideas---as in all critical remarks of the President and Congress---undermining the heart of our liberties. The Republican National Committee can't win an election by telling the truth, so they want to simply censor all truth-tellers. I urge you to repudiate this proposal.

Regards,

  
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