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RE: Proposed Rules Regarding Political Committee Status

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter follows up an email sent March 30, 2004, to Ms. Mai T. Dinh. Because I feel so strongly about the proposed changes, I felt it necessary to also mail a hard-copy letter. Please consider my feedback in the decision-making process on whether or not to enact the proposed changes.

I am writing in response to the Federal Election Commission's proposed rules regarding political committee status. Upon reading the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dated March 11, 2004, I disagree with the proposed changes to the definition of "political committee" applicable to nonconnected committees because I believe adoption of the proposed changes would inappropriately stifle non-profit organizations throughout the country. Furthermore, the proposed changes disregard the values of free speech and openness which underlie our democracy.

In closing, I vehemently disagree with any changes that would treat non-profit interest groups as political committees. Blurring the lines between these two types of organizations is misguided, irresponsible, and ultimately a threat to majority groups and minority groups alike.

Please reconsider and vote down the proposed changes.

Respectfully,



Jodi Stuesse