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To the FEC:

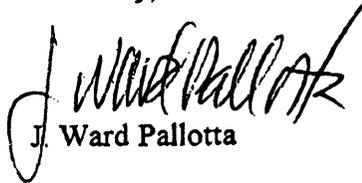
The proposed rules regarding political committee status fly in the face of free speech and threaten the ability of non-profit organizations to help hold our government accountable.

Aside from the fact, that Congress and the courts have rejected such regulation, I cannot begin to express my anger when I hear that these proposed rules could be politically motivated and specifically timed to cut off public debate during the current presidential campaign.

OF... BY... FOR... the People. Not the parties, not the president, not the powerful, not petro-energy companies, not peacniks, not profit-makers.

If this government, including the FEC, has lost sight of everyday People – and the evidence is mounting – it needs to get its head out of the clouds and return to earth. And do it quickly – that thin air is low in oxygen and will result in muddled thinking and poor decisions.

Sincerely,



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Cong. Dennis Kucinich

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