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Ms. Mai T. Dinh,

**I am outraged** that the Federal Election Commission is looking at issuing new rules that would cripple groups that dare to communicate with the public in any way critical of President Bush or members of Congress!!! Incredibly, the FEC has just issued -- for public comment -- proposed rules that would do just that.

1. 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.
2. Political operatives are trying to silence opposition to Bush policy.
3. Campaign finance reform was not meant to gag public interest organizations.

As a citizen, **I am stunned** that our government continues to block our freedoms, take away our rights and allows Medicare and Social Security go down the tubes.

Where is honesty and accountability? I am supposed to pay my taxes, work hard and be honest-why not all the people running this government?

**I am outraged!** I'll probably get a form letter from you as a reply to this.

Sincerely,

*Michaela M. Slattery*