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Subject: RE: PROPOSED RULE CHANGE ON THE MEANING OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE

MS. MAIT DINH
ACTING ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

DEAR MS. DINH,

WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE RULE CHANGE ON RE-DEFINING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THIS RULE CHANGE VIOLATES OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO INFORM OURSELVES ABOUT CANDIDATES BY GROUPS THAT EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR VOTING FOR OR AGAINST A CANDIDATE. LIKEWISE, NEWSPAPERS AND WEB SITES AND BROADCASTING MEDIA HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS, EVALUATE AND ANALYZE, AND ENGAGE IN A RATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE MERITS OF AN ACTION OR PERSON PERTAINING TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. YOUR INTENTION OF THIS RULE CHANGE IS TO SILENCE RATIONAL DIALOGUE AND POLITICALIZE KNOWLEDGE WHICH INEVITABLY WILL FAIL BECAUSE IT IS THE WAY OF UNTRUTH. RE-THINK & OBSERVE THE PERFECTION OF OUR BILL OF RIGHTS & DO NOT VIOLATE THESE RIGHTS BY RE-DEFINING THE MEANING OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

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Lou Mortensen, et al.