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Commission:

We are very concerned about the proposed rules regarding political committees that could adversely affect nonprofit advocacy.

Our concern is about nonprofit organizations that  
promote voter registration within 120 days of an election OR  
participate in get-out-the vote activity OR  
are involved in voter identification.

Surely these have always been our rights of **basic democracy**, our **civil rights as citizens!!!**

The provision that makes such activities **retroactive** for the previous **four years** is **seriously wrong**. Penalizing previously legal activity surely would not pass a Constitutional test!

Another retroactive penalty could be levied at a group criticizing an administration for a policy, such as environmental regulations. Where does this control of our voicing our democratic opinions in grassroots groups stop?

The point that these regulations would go into effect this summer, before the November election, seems an extreme attack on our civil rights. Even if disallowed by the Supreme Court later, they would have a serious controlling effect on this election.

We seriously object to these new regulations and the rush to enforce them before the November election.

Respectfully yours,

  
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