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RE: RULES REGARDING POLITICAL COMMITTEE STATUS

To follow is letter of opinion:

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Dear Ms. Dinh:

It seems to me that the Bush Administration in it's determination to win re-election at all cost, no matter how, is doing it's uppermost to silence any opposition to their policies. This is a blatant denial of free speech in a democratic government process.

Whether it's to GOTV, speak to the issues that impact the daily lives of Americans such as universal health care, education, Medicare, Social Security, Prescription Drugs under the Federal Medicare Bill, budget and deficit, tax reform, immigration, environment or grassroots lobbying efforts, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Republican National Committee are trying further tactics to deny the American citizen to have their say come November 2, 2004.

In other words; it's fine when Republicans can seek to fundraise for this election, but all others will be denied the same rights to speak out in opposition, they can publish whatever they like, pundits and the media can speak the Bush Mantra wherever and whenever they wish to, but the same accord will be denied to all other peoples and organizations. This seems to me we are going to a repressive regime change, rather than a government that gives it's citizens the option to speak their peace. And, on the other hand, we are a people pretending to spread democracy to other repressive governments around the world; one which we just invaded and toppled their repressive leader in Iraq and I suspect we will do so elsewhere whenever this administration deems it necessary in their self interests. This makes absolutely no common sense at all. The people have a just right accorded in the Constitution to have their say in government. First participation by a citizen in their government begins with the casting of their vote for honest and effective leadership, based on truthful information and record of accomplishment in government.

The Republican party, of which I was a moderate and am now rethinking my party affiliation, as are many of my compatriots, will do anything to cover up the truth with their lies, distortions and character assassinations of those who are courageous to come forward as true patriots.

Furthermore, campaign finance reform was not meant to gag public interest organizations, nor has the FEC the legal right to treat non-profit groups as political committees, of which they are not. It seems justified for political parties to accept huge amounts of money for their media blitz, when the common citizen out of civic responsibility speaks of issues important to the people of this nation and world community or issues a plea for citizens to come out and vote for their choice of candidate best suited to represent their ideals; cannot do the same, simply because they might express another point of view!

The right wing element in this country has grown too powerful and it is now time the American people have their say and reclaim the government of the people, for the people, by the people for the betterment of ALL the people, not just a selected few! It is time for the gaggers to stop the gag on truth! This is unamerican, unconstitutional, undemocratic!

Sincerely,

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