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To: MargiesWin@yahoogroups.com
cc: internetsprm@FEC

Subject: Re: [MargiesWin] Citizen! You Have No Business in Politics!

What we have here is a case of Bush Administration "Do what I say, not as the FEC allowed me to do!"

If this NPRM does not echo ***EVERY*** word and intent of FEC AO-1999-17, then the FEC NPRM will face the stiffest opposition of any that they have ever considered.

What is good for the goose is good for the gander, and the GOP had FREE-RUN of the Internet, sanctioned with the FEC's seal of approval for the Y2K election cycle!

We FULLY intend to use EVERY tactic and strategy that the GOP did on the internet for the Y2K election cycle with full FEC approval, a new rule differing with what Bush was allowed to do will just send the FEC to court, not to mention paint it as a partisan-hack tool of the GOP from coast to coast in the minds of Americans.

The Bush Administration's intent is clear in this NPRM, to prevent the Democrats from using the same organizational tools as the GOP!

I want to see a NPRM on churches and their ILLEGAL donations to political parties in direct violation of the maintenance of their tax-exempt status under Section 504 of the Tax Code!

Let AO-1999-17 stand! We can live with the AO, but we will ***NOT*** tolerate ***DOUBLE-STANDARDS*** as currently proposed in the NPRM by the very administration that requested and benefited from the AO!

Is the FEC in the pocket of the Bush administration like the SCOTUS is?

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Richard Bogue wrote:

> Dear Rosemary C. Smith, Assistant General Counsel and Fellow Citizen,
> I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment, prior to the
> December 3 deadline, on the Federal Election Commission's following proposed
> rule on the Use of the Internet in Federal Elections. But I can't thank
> you. Rule 1 is such an egregious violation of common sense and of what it
> means to be an American that I can only surmise, angrily I admit, that the
> current administration seeks to destroy democratic processes altogether.
> The Federal Election Commission under this administration will receive no
> thanks from me. Here's the Federal Election Commission's proposed Rule 1:
> "1. To clarify the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA)
> to campaign-related Internet activity by individuals, the Commission is
> proposing to add a new section (117.1) to the regulations, stipulating that
> no contribution or expenditure results where an individual, without
> receiving compensation, uses computer equipment, software, Internet services

> or Internet domain name(s) that he or she personally owns to engage in
 > Internet activity for the purpose of influencing any election to federal
 > office."
 > In other words, AMERICANS won't be able to VOLUNTEER to solicit, raise or
 > donate funds related to a federal election by using computers or Internet
 > services THAT THEY OWN?
 > I just can't see how to misread this. It basically says: "Citizen! Stay
 > the hell out of politics! Politics belong to paid lobbyists and their
 > corporate masters."
 > Who were the 1,300 people who came up with this, the German
 > National-Socialist Party of 1940? Or did regular Americans participate,
 > come up with reasonable ideas, and then this abortion of liberty issued
 > forth from a high-level official in the administration or an "important"
 > private interest? This is waaay beyond the ken of the American experience.
 > Why, if they'd only had computers, every one of this nation's founders, and
 > millions of Americans who give a damn about politics, would have broken this
 > rule.
 > The voluntary effort of the individual to promote political ends through
 > peaceful means, including raising funds, virtually defines democracy.
 > In light of the near deathgrip that major corporations, trade associations,
 > and wealthy individuals already have on our electoral process, I guess it's
 > not surprising to see this administration float this sordid usurpation of
 > the individual's right to be involved in politics. But it is disgusting
 > nonetheless.
 > I stridently urge the FEC to KILL RULE 1 entirely. And I eagerly encourage
 > you to do what you can, as an American citizen, to KILL RULE 1 entirely.
 > I have no major comment about proposed rules 2 and 3, which are about
 > limiting the ways employers can coerce employees with regard to political
 > elections.
 > Most Sincerely, Your Fellow Citizen,
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ET has one helluva sense of humor!
 He's always anal-probing right-wing schizos!

 POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

"Religious fundamentalism is the biggest threat to
 international security that exists today."
 United Nations Secretary General B.B.Ghali, 1995

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