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FEC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING "SOFT-MONEY"

WASHINGTON--The Federal Election Commission has scheduled a public hearing and is accepting written comment concerning the use of "soft-money" to influence federal elections. Written comments and requests to testify at the hearing must be received by the FEC no later than the close of business on January 17, 1986. The hearing begins at 10:00 a.m. January 29 in the Commission's hearing room at 999 E Street, N.W. and will continue on January 30, if necessary.

In a petition for rulemaking to the FEC, Common Cause referred to "soft-money" as "funds received by political party organizations and other political committees--purportedly for use at the state and local levels--from sources that would be barred from making those contributions in connection with federal elections."

Specifically, the Commission is interested in public opinion on the following questions:

1. Does the use of "soft-money" have sufficient impact on federal elections to warrant changes in the Commission's regulations?
2. Would such regulation pre-empt state law?
3. Is legislation necessary? Should the Commission seek statutory reform?

The FEC is interested in receiving factual information that would be relevant to the issues presented. The Commission is also soliciting specific suggestions regarding possible revisions of or additions to its regulations.

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