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FEC SEEKS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON MCFL RULEMAKING

WASHINGTON--An additional 30-day period has been set by the Federal Election Commission for public comments to help it determine what changes may be warranted in its regulations governing corporate and labor organization expenditures in connection with federal elections. The rulemaking stems from the Supreme Court's 1986 decision in the Commission's case against Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc.

In that case, the Court found that requirements of Federal election law impose additional regulations on small non-profit entities or groups lacking formal organization, creating a disincentive for them to engage in political speech. In its decision, it set out three essential criteria for determining which non-profit corporations would be exempt from the law's restriction on corporate spending.

Although the FEC already has held one comment period and conducted a public hearing relating to corporate expenditures in connection with federal elections, additional questions have been raised by a subsequent Supreme Court decision in the case of "Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce", and by other recent judicial decisions affecting this section of the Federal Election Campaign Act. It is because of these new developments that the Commission has set an additional comment period.

Written comments must be received on or before Friday, November 2, 1990. These must be addressed to Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, FEC, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

The official request for additional comments may be found in the October 3, 1990, Federal Register, or a copy may be obtained from the Federal Election Commission's Public Records Office.

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