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FEC ACTS TO BAN USE OF CANDIDATE NAMES BY UNAUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON -- A regulation has been approved by the Federal Election Commission that will bar the use of candidate names in the titles of fundraising and other projects or communications by unauthorized political committees. The rule will go into effect for the 1993-94 election cycle.

This action results from the Commission's concern that the use of candidate names in project titles has increasingly become a device for unauthorized committees to raise funds or disseminate information in a manner that may be confusing to the public. Until now, a candidate who objected to the use of his or her name in this manner, who shared in none of the funds received in response to the solicitation, or who disagreed with the views expressed in the communication, was largely powerless to stop it.

After the regulation has been before Congress for 30 legislative days, the FEC will announce an effective date which will be published in the Federal Register.

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