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FEC SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has submitted to the President and Congress 63 legislative recommendations dealing with campaign financing and reporting. If enacted or authorized by Congress, the recommendations would "greatly ease the burden on political committees and streamline the administration of the current campaign law," Commission Chairman Danny L. McDonald said in a cover letter.

The recommendations include:

-- **Commission As Sole Point of Entry for Disclosure Documents:** Authorize the FEC to be sole point of entry for all campaign finance disclosure documents filed by House and Senate candidate committees. Currently, these committees file reports with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

-- **Computer Filing of Reports:** Clarify that the Commission is explicitly authorized to accept reports filed electronically, and to prescribe rules, procedures, and standards for compliance to political campaign committees.

-- **Independent Authority:** Ensure nonpartisan enforcement of the law by explicitly authorizing the Commission to petition the Supreme Court for certiorari.

-- **Waiver Authority:** Allow the Commission to grant reporting waivers and adjust the filing requirements when warranted.

-- **Campaign-Cycle Reporting:** Eliminate burdensome recordkeeping and reporting provisions requiring campaigns to track contributions on both a calendar-year and a per-election basis.

-- **Election Period Limitations:** Apply single contribution limit to an election cycle, instead of separate limits for the primary and general elections.

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In his letter accompanying the recommendations, Chairman McDonald told the President and the 104th Congress, "We hope these proposals will be helpful. After 20 years of experience in regulating campaign financing, the Federal Election Commission stands ready to assist in whatever way possible."

The Commission is required by the Federal Election Campaign Act to report its activities to Congress, including any recommendations for legislative action.

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MEDIA ADVISORY -- Copies of the legislative recommendations are available at the FEC Press Office, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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