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TO: Federal Election Commission
RE: Comments on Compliance and Enforcement

Dear FEC,

I am writing to urge you to open an audit "for cause" of the Obama for America Campaign (FEC Resgistration # C00431445) and the Obama Victory Fund (C00451393).
President-elect Barack Obama spent a record $741 million on his campaign but has disclosed donors for only $485 million. Many of his donation are subject to questions due to exceeding campaign donation limits and whether they are from legitimate donors under U.S. elections law. His campaign spent $309 million on Broadcast Media while groups like ACORN received funding and abused voter registration processes.
And Obama filed expenses for $255 million more than he showed donation receipts for.

To protect the integrity of the democratic process, I urge you to:

1) Conduct a full audit of the campaign finances of Barack Obama, with all expenses associated with the audit charged to the Obama campaign.

2) Upgrade and update the FEC's ability to review campaign finance reporting to require more thorough checks for compliance at the time of submission, with unacceptable reports rejected and late fees applied.

The Obama campaign produced some 2.5 million donor transactions. These submissions were riddled with errors on city, state and zip code information, with multiple donors providing several name variations. Many donor records were flagrantly false, for example: Jfggjjfgj, Jgtj and Khv, Khv and Hkvkv, K Vkn K V and Hdusahfd, Dahsudhu. Numerous donors provided only a single letter as their last name. Many donors were listed as Anonymous.

Most of these are errors that can be checked routinely by computer upon receipt. If the candidate is unwilling to proof their own donor

submissions, then the FEC should have procedures for such checks upon submission and reject reporting with errors over specified tolerance levels. And late reporting penalties should be applied.

Then there is the issue of "foreign donors": More than 4,000 donors listed in the Obama campaign records have foreign address information, totaling more than $6 million. Most of these donors are not obviously with the military or overseas government services. The donation form apparently has no place for specifying foreign country origin, and there are no notes affirming these donors' American citizenship. These donors should have additional reporting requirements.

The numerous donors that exceed campaign limits, the large expense/ receipt discrepancy, and many questionable donor records warr ant an audit of the Obama campaign finances. The American people depend on the FEC to assure compliance with fair campaign practices by ALL campaigns. I urge you to conduct a full audit of the Obama for America campaign (C00431445) and Obama Victory Fund (C00451393).
I am a member of Puma PAC, People United Means Action, a democratic reform movement of grass-roots voters. http://pumapac.org

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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