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Dear FEC,

I write to protest to the strongest possible extent your decision to refuse to audit the campaign funds which were received by the Obama campaign. There has already been very much more than sufficient reason, available in the public domaine, for you to conclude that there were large areas which are in need of investigation and audit. In particular, I am very concerned that persons who are not U.S. citizens contributed substantial amounts, and also that large amounts of money came in from donors who were not identified, and may represent fraudulent donations using fictitious names.

Your failure to conduct even the most cursory investigation is already having a disastrous effect on the confidence our citizens can have in a legitimate electoral system. When a candidate has financial resources that are nine fold greater than that of his rival, the election can easily be seen as having been purchased. When the sources of the gigantic advantage are allowed to remain hidden, you would probably excuse voters from concluding that the federal oversight of elections has also been corrupted. I am having trouble avoiding that conclusion myself.

I urge you to conduct a complete, persuasive, and transparent audit and review of funds raised for this year's presidential campaign. Anything less would be completely inadequate.

Sincerely, Laura T Gutman, M.D. (Durham, NC)