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Dear DEC,

I am very concerned about the strong appearance of fraud in the Obama campaign.

Obama spent a record $741 million on his campaign but has disclosed donors for only $485 million of his windfall. Many of those donors are subject to questions about exceeding campaign donation limits and being legitimate donors. His campaign spent $309 million on Broadcast Media while groups like ACORN received funding and abused voter registration processes.

Barack Obama filed expenses for $255 million more than he showed donation receipts for?

The campaign produced over 2.5 million donor transactions, but there is no unique identifier to monitor the donors' total donations and little validation that they are legitimate donors. The Obama submissions were riddled with errors on city, state and zip code information, and a single donor could have several name variations. Some of the records were flagrant trash like Jfggjjfgj, Jgtj and Khv, Khv and Hkvkv, K Vkn K V and Hdusahfd, Dahsudhu. Numerous donors had a single letter given for their last name. Others were listed as Anonymous.

Most of these are errors that can be checked by a simple computer routine. If the candidate is unwilling to check their own 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.

And then there is the issue of foreign donors , which are expressly forbidden by U.S. campaign finance law. There are 4,166 donors listed in the Obama donor records that have foreign address information and are not obviously with the military or government services overseas. The Obama campaign's donation form apparently has no entry for foreign country specification. There was no attempt made by the Obama Campaign to verify the American citizenship of each and every donor.

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