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Comments on Federal Election Commission
To: Donald F. McGahn II,
Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

Dear Mr. McGahn,

Thank you for offering the opportunity for input on the practices and rules of the Federal Election Commission. As you consider a possible revision of rules, I request that you look at the apparent loophole in the on-line donations rules. It appears that the FEC does not require candidate web sites to make a simple cross reference check on submitted credit cards to verify that the name and address of the donor matches the name and address on the credit card. This is a common and simple practice used by just about anyone that accepts credit cards over the internet. It helps avoid credit card fraud.

In the case of political candidates requesting on-line donations, it would also be a simple step to help prevent violations of Federal Campaign laws. If there is not a clear requirement in the rules to verify that the donor and credit card matches, then one could potentially make up names and easily exceed the limit for contributions.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments as you consider revising the rules.

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