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I understand that the mission of the FEC is "to protect the integrity of the federal campaign finance process by providing transparency and fairly enforcing and administering federal campaign finance laws". This is obviously a very important and serious task for the existence of our democracy, and citizens like myself are depending on you commissioners to keep politics out of the purview of the FEC.

I believe that currently, the investigative procedure to review campaign finance violations is for the Office of General Counsel to come to you with its initial findings and get permission to move forward with an investigation. I am concerned that Commissioner Dickerson's new rule change will make it much more difficult for the General Counsel to investigate campaign finance violations, and unlikely to allow investigations to proceed. In addition, with the current hyper partisan nature of today's politics, a 4-2 vote to expand an investigation would be extremely difficult to carry out.

Please support our democracy and the people of United States by not accepting Commissioner Dickerson new rule change.

Thank you for your time.

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