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Re: Express Advocacy

To whom it may concern:

I enclose a copy of a full-page advertisement that appeared in three Chicago-area newspapers on or about April 23, 1999. It would appear that the ad was sponsored by something called the Suburban O'Hare Commission. What I find problematic, however, is that the ad seems to contain express advocacy for the re-election of Henry Hyde without any required disclaimer.

Although the issue of magic words is debatable, if the reasonable person test is applied, it would appear that this ad advocates the re-election of Mr. Hyde. Moreover, a reasonable person might construe the ad to contain advocacy against Senator John McCain with respect to his Presidential bid.

Based on the foregoing, I wish to lodge a formal complaint and ask the FEC to investigate the nexus between the funding for this ad and Mr. Hyde's election committee.

Sincerely,

  
Brent M. Christensen

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