

To Whom It May Concern,

Dear Ms. Rothstein and Members of the Federal Election Commission,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments outlined in REG 2024-07, as submitted by Ken Martin and the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor party. The proposed changes represent important and modernizing updates to regulations that govern political parties. I believe that these amendments will enhance the functioning and efficiency of said political parties in several notable ways.

The first among them is the proposal to remove the phrase "Federal Election Activities" from 11 CFR 300.33(d)(3). Allowing party committees to use funds in compliance with state law for compensating employees who do not engage in federal election activities will provide needed and useful flexibility for state and local parties. The change would reduce the bureaucratic overhead needed to fulfill the duties a political party is founded to accomplish, increasing local care and attention from said parties.

The second is the request to revise the definitions of "voter registration activity" and "get-out-the-vote activity". Both changes are timely, given the rapidly changing political landscape we find ourselves in. These definitions should be revised to reflect those changes, and ensure that state political parties will not be unduly restricted in their efforts to encourage voter participation. Expanding the scope of these activities will promote greater civic engagement and allow for more fluid and responsive political campaigns.

Lastly, I support the proposed modernization of the volunteer mailing exemption. By codifying standards that better reflect modern volunteering, the FEC would enable parties to take full advantage of volunteering activities, increasing civic engagement while not triggering unnecessary regulatory limitations. Volunteer participation and civic engagement is a core pillar of our democracy, and any steps that can further facilitate these efforts are to be welcomed.

In conclusion, I believe the amendments proposed in REG 2024-07 will provide much needed clarity and flexibility to state and local committees of political parties. These changes will make engaging with the democratic process easier and more efficient. Voter participation would increase and parties would be more capable of engaging with the public they wish to represent and govern. I urge the Commission to advance these rule changes and adopt them into their regulation framework.

Thank You for Your Time,

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