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## FEC SEEKS COMMENTS ON NRWC'S PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

WASHINGTON -- Contending that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision renders certain Federal Election Commission regulations unconstitutional, the National Right to Work Committee has asked the FEC to modify its rules regarding communications by corporations and labor unions using treasury funds.

In response to the Petition for Rulemaking, the Commission has published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The notice, which appeared on May 4, 1987, solicits comments either in support of or in opposition to the request.

The National Right to Work Committee claims that the ruling in Federal Election Commission v. Massachusetts Citizens For Life, Inc. removes independent communications from the purview of the Federal Election Campaign Act unless the communications constitute express advocacy. Therefore, the petitioners argue, sections 114.3 and 114.4 of the Commission's regulations are unconstitutional. Those two sections govern partisan and nonpartisan communications by corporations and labor unions.

Copies of the Petition for Rulemaking are available for public inspection at the FEC's Public Records Office, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Comments should be sent to the attention of Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, at the above address and must be filed with the Commission by June 3, 1987.

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