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April 9, 2004

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mary Dove  
Commission Secretary

FROM: Scott E. Thomas  
Commissioner 

SUBJECT: *Ex parte* communications

Please process the two attachments as *ex parte* communications in connection with the pending rulemaking on "political committee" status.



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04/09/2004 09:24 AM

To sthomas@fec.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Sign on Today: National Effort Fights Proposed FEC Rules Threatening Non-Profit Advocacy (fwd)

Nary a day goes by that some org. doesn't tell me how sadistic you are. Amazingly, I still love you! B.

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----- Message from CHAIN Reaction <chainreaction@floridachain.org> on Thu, 8 Apr 2004 16:35:06 +0000 -----

**To:** hscdade\_list@mailmanager.net  
**Subject** Sign on Today: National Effort Fights Proposed FEC Rules Threatening Non-Profit : Advocacy

### **Proposed FEC Rules Threaten Non-Profit Advocacy**

Sign on to comments against this move!

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This is a message courtesy of The Coalition to Protect Nonprofit Advocacy

The Federal Election Commission is currently considering adopting new rules that would have a drastic impact on the activities of many nonprofit organizations.

The Coalition to Protect Nonprofit Advocacy has written comments, which will be submitted on behalf of hundreds of nonprofit organizations across the country in opposition to the FEC's latest effort to limit nonprofit advocacy.

If you would like to add your organization's name to the comments, please send an email by the end of the day today, April 8, to [takeaction@afj.org](mailto:takeaction@afj.org).

For a copy of the comments copy and paste this URL in your browser window:

[http://www.allianceforjustice.org/nonprofit/public\\_policy/NPRM\\_comments.pdf](http://www.allianceforjustice.org/nonprofit/public_policy/NPRM_comments.pdf).

The comments are 21 pages long, so if you want a summary see below.

We are encouraging individuals to take action (see <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=14751>), and share this info with other nonprofits they may be affiliated with.

The following is a SUMMARY of the points raised in the comments:

1. The proposed rules will seriously impede the ability of nonprofit organizations to engage in issue advocacy.
2. The proposed rules will restrict the ability of nonprofit organizations to conduct nonpartisan voter participation activities.
3. The proposed rules will restrict the ability of nonprofit organizations to communicate with their members on legislative and public policy matters.
4. Congress has addressed the core issues raised in the proposed rules and it stopped far short of the radical proposals now being considered.
5. The Commission lacks the administrative tools to examine the issues raised in the proposed rules and, in any event, there is insufficient time to carry out this examination under the current expedited schedule.
6. Congress and not the Commission is the appropriate institution to resolve the delicate political issues at the core of the proposed rules.

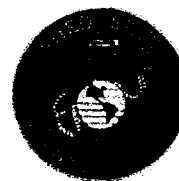
If you have any questions concerning the comments or the proposed rules, please contact Liz Towne at [ltowne@afj.org](mailto:ltowne@afj.org) or Alma Henderson at [ahenderson@pfaw.org](mailto:ahenderson@pfaw.org).

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March 19, 2004  
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Federal Election Commission  
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RE: Banning

Dear Sir:

Recent information available to me has implied that the FEC may be considering banning the broadcast of informative election ads by an organization known as GRASSFIRE.ORG. The same information indicates that this would be an arbitrary in that you *would not be banning* MOVEON.ORG! Should this info be accurate, as a citizen and a veteran I take considerable offense that such a decision of unequal censure could be considered. This action would be tampering with the elective process.

Some of us may appreciate our President, some of us may dislike him but that is what a fair and equal elective process is for. I resent that a billionaire immigrant comes here and attempts to buy our election process with his money through MOVEON.ORG and even more so in lobbying for censure of GRASSFIRE.ORG, an equalizing element to his insults and disrespect for the Presidency, the Office and our Nation.

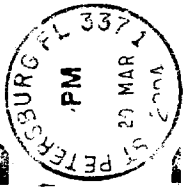
As a veteran I have been seriously insulted by MOVEON's accusation of President Bush being compared to Adolf Hitler. Our President did not kill 6 million Jews, or another 6 million comprised of Jehovah Witnesses, Gypsies, resistive Christians and homosexuals. He also was not responsible for the overall loss of 50 million lives – civilian and military, allies and axis alike arising from Hitler's tragedy. In fact our President stopped a process in which a quarter of a million lives were already lost – Kurds and Shiites. Thank goodness we will never have to know how many more mass graves would have come into being in that country. It is easy to stand on the sidelines when others are routinely slaughtered; it takes courage to step in.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melvin w. Routt".

MELvin w. ROUTT  
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**God Bless America**  
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