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Ms. Mai T. Dinh **Acting Assistant General Counsel** Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Dinh.

I am writing to register my objection to proposed changes in the definition of "political committee" as applicable to nonconnected committees.

I am a member of several non-profit, grassroots organizations. I have many interests in different aspects of our world, and supporting nonconnected non-profits is my way of feeling connected to this democracy we live in, and to exercise that connection more often than when I am at the polls.

Please don't limit the only means individuals have of working together to affect change.