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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
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RE: Do not treat non-profit interest groups as political committees

Dear Mrs. Dinh:

I write to voice my concern about recent attempts to press the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") to issue new rules that would prevent groups that attempt to communicate with the public in any way critical of the current Administration or members of Congress. I oppose these attempts.

I do not feel that campaign finance reform was meant to gag public interest organizations. The FEC has no legal right to treat non-profit interest groups as political committees. Congress and the courts have specifically considered and rejected such regulation.

Sincerely,



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