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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
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Dear Ms. Dinh:

I am clearly opposed to the change in FEC rules currently being forwarded by the Republican National Committee, because these changes threaten free speech and freedom of speech is fundamental to democracy.

I am also opposed because non-profit organizations are threatened. These groups work and fund-raise on a variety of issues in order to improve life for all Americans. Proposed changes could seriously jeopardize their freedom and effectiveness, however, if goals of a non-profit should happen to disagree with the politics of a particular party. As you know, the FEC has no legal right to treat non-profit groups as political committees. Congress and the courts have in the past, at least, been in agreement on that.

Finally, if any President or any member of Congress needs to be insulated from criticism, I think President Truman's advice should be well taken: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen!"

Thank you for giving this your serious consideration.

Sincerely,



Maris Stella Korb