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Dear Mr. Dinh:

This letter is an expression of the outrage of the Officers and Members of Local 52, IATSE (all 3,300 of us), to the efforts of the Republican National Committee in pressing the FEC to issue new rules that would preclude some groups (in general) and labor unions (in particular) from voicing their opinions re: the performance of the present administration to the public. What is even more incredible is that, if granted, these proposed rules would take effect early this summer – right in the midst of this current Presidential election campaign.

Without boring you with the minutia of all our arguments against this attempted repression in the natural exercise of the political process, we urge you in the strongest terms possible not to pass any proposed rule that would restrict the right of groups to express their opinions to others.

Further, should any restrictive rules ultimately be enacted, we implore the FEC to make any such rules effective after election day in November, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our point of view.

Sincerely,

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