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Subject: Get special interest money out of presidential conventions

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The purpose of public funding for national party conventions is to prevent corporations and other special interests from currying favor with parties and legislators through direct convention funding and other lavish gifts. The recent role of "host committees" has completely undermined this purpose.

Now that Congress has banned corporate funding for national political parties, the FEC should rule that this ban applies to convention funding as well. To rule otherwise would open a huge loophole in the new soft money regulations that were explicitly intended to break the link between officeholders and large contributions.

I support the use of my tax dollars to fund party conventions precisely so that parties may turn away other sources of inappropriate funds.

Sincerely,  
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