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FEC ASKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PETITION TO NARROW DEFINITION OF POLITICAL PARTY

WASHINGTON -- A thirty-day response period has been set by the Federal Election Commission for public comments on a petition for rulemaking that would narrow the present definition of the term "political party" as it applies to public financing of Presidential candidates.

Statements in support of or in opposition to the Petition must be filed with the Commission by September 29, 1983.

The Petition for Rulemaking was presented by the National Taxpayers Legal Fund. It requests that the Commission amend Section 9002.15 of its regulations implementing the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act. The Petition seeks additional requirements to be met by any organization in order to qualify as a political party for the purposes of the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act, which governs the receipt of public funds by Presidential candidates in the general election.

Copies of the Petition for Rulemaking are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Records Office, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.