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## FEC SENDS LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS -Suggested Changes Would Improve Disclosure and Enforcement-

WASHINGTON -- As the debate over campaign finance reform begins, the Federal Election Commission has sent the President and Congress its largest and most comprehensive package of legislative recommendations in the agency's history.

Based on its experiences in administering and enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act during the past 18 years, the Commission hopes that its 63 wide-ranging recommendations will assist lawmakers as they debate reform.

"In making these recommendations, our objective is to suggest changes in election law which could improve public disclosure, remove unwarranted legal burdens and strengthen enforcement - all to the ultimate benefit of the voting public," said Scott Thomas, chairman of the Commission.

In a letter accompanying the legislative recommendations, the FEC highlighted the most important areas for review including:

- \*\* Re-examining the Presidential Election Campaign Fund which faces a potential \$100 million shortfall in the 1996 presidential race
- \*\* Requiring stronger measures against committees that provide incomplete or false information about contributors
- \*\* Addressing the raising and spending of "soft money" and its effect on the election process
- \*\* Reactivating the FEC's ability to conduct random audits of campaign committees in an effort to promote voluntary compliance
- \*\* Removing state-by-state expenditure limits for publicly financed presidential campaigns
- \*\* Delineating the extent of the "personal use" ban of campaign funds and outlining appropriate or inappropriate uses of funds

The FEC has exclusive civil jurisdiction over the Federal Election Campaign Act and is the first and only independent executive agency to administer and enforce federal election law. Legislative recommendations are made annually by the Commission.

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