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**Steve Graff** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to [steve.graff](#)**

10/27/2015 12:19 PM

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Steve Graff

Los Angeles, CA



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**Lev Earle** to: IndependentSpending

**Please respond to oearle**

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Lev Earle

Rochester, NY



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**Charlotte Duffield** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to cduffield**

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Charlotte Duffield

Mount Vernon, OH



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Herndon, VA



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**Daniel Kim** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to ura903**

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Daniel Kim

Fullerton, CA



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**Steven Schaefer** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to sschaefer2

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Steven Schaefer

Sarasota, FL



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**Barbara Gideon** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to barbi

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Barbara Gideon

Palm Beach Gardens, FL



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**Charles Hernandez** to: IndependentSpending

**Please respond to charles.hernandez**

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Charles Hernandez

Los Angeles, CA





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**Donna Krause** to: IndependentSpending

**Please respond to donnakrause5**

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Donna Krause

Wausau, WI



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**Richard Eckberg** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to rickeckberg

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Richard Eckberg

Hillsborough, NC



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**Jennifer Romanski** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to jroma23

10/27/2015 01:31 PM

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Jennifer Romanski

Philadelphia, PA



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**Lindsay Elias** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to lindsaye**

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Lindsay Elias

West Lafayette, IN



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**Ron Torretta** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to rontorretta

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Ron Torretta

Canon City, CO



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**Thomas Cox** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to Thomc**

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Thomas Cox

Lake Havasu City, AZ



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**Karla Corzatt** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to corzatt20

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Karla Corzatt

New Vienna, OH



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**Brian Jay** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to Bjay4**

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Brian Jay

Omaha, NE





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**G. Wayne Hild** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to gwaynehild

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G. Wayne Hild

Navasota, TX



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**Virginia Manuel** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to virginia.manuel

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Virginia Manuel

Houston, TX



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**Robert Satler** to: IndependentSpending  
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Robert Satler

Marseilles, IL



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**Pat and Robin Wittrock** to: IndependentSpending

**Please respond to wittrock**

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Pat and Robin Wittrock

Anchorage, AK



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**Donald Greenberg** to: IndependentSpending  
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Donald Greenberg

Ventura, CA



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**timothy morrow** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to tredbird**

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timothy morrow

acme, PA



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**Shannon Gerton** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to ShannonGerton**

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Shannon Gerton

Suffolk, VA



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**Mike Webb** to: IndependentSpending  
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Mike Webb

Davis, CA





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**Ruth Fishkin** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to ruth.fishkin

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Ruth Fishkin

Oklahoma City, OK



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**jesse weinstock** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to jesseweinstock 44**

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jesse weinstock

woodland hills, CA



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**Rachel Rose** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to calirose249**

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Rachel Rose

Fresno, CA



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**Janice Ehrenhaft** to: IndependentSpending  
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Janice Ehrenhaft

Mount Vernon, IL



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**Charley Roth** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to charleyb.roth

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Charley Roth

Phoenix, AZ



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**Marinell Daniel** to: IndependentSpending  
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Marinell Daniel

El Sobrante, CA



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**Adrian Arrivillaga** to: IndependentSpending

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Adrian Arrivillaga

BURLINGTON, VT



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**Jared Widman** to: IndependentSpending

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Jared Widman

Port Orchard, WA





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**dan henderson** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to waynehenderson42**

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dan henderson

buffalo, MO



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**Morgan Jellison** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to m.will.j

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Morgan Jellison

St. Paul, MN



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Mount Vernon, IL



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**James Tyree II** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to jamesityreeii

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James Tyree II

Portland, OR



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**jill harmer** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to jharmer81**

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jill harmer

louisvl, KY



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**Diane Brown** to: IndependentSpending

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Diane Brown

Kingston 19, FL



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**Edward Yarbrough** to: IndependentSpending  
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Edward Yarbrough

San Francisco, CA



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**Joihn Hrebin** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to john.hrebin

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Joihn Hrebin

Cranford, NJ





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**G Scott Washburn** to: IndependentSpending  
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G Scott Washburn

Seattle, WA



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**Carly Pierson** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to cpierson 17**

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Carly Pierson

Durango, IA



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**Kay Johnson** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to kajohnson5**

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Kay Johnson

Jamestown, NY



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**Elizabeth O'Connor** to: IndependentSpending

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Elizabeth O'Connor

Honolulu, HI



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**LJ Lanfranchi** to: IndependentSpending  
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LJ Lanfranchi

New Braintree, MA



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**Melinda Wright** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to melindawright

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The FEC must take strong steps in defense of American democracy at this critical moment. You will never bear a greater responsibility.

Melinda Wright

Groveland, CA



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**Hattie Heavner** to: IndependentSpending  
Please respond to hheavner

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**Richard Aldred** to: IndependentSpending  
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The prevalence of super PACs that devote their resources solely to electing a single candidate - not to mention the close personal, professional and fundraising ties between many candidates and staff of super PACs that support them - show the need for stricter rules against coordination between candidates and super PACs. The law and courts say these entities are supposed to be "truly independent." The FEC should enforce this law. The FEC should also require disclosure of political spending and close loopholes that allow foreign money to influence U.S. elections.

Richard Aldred

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**Comment re: REG 2015-04**  
**Lynn C. Lang** to: IndependentSpending  
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**Bruce Howell** to: IndependentSpending  
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The Citizens United ruling has made it more difficult than ever to stop foreign money from influencing U.S. elections. The possibility of foreign money flowing through groups that do not disclose the sources of their funds makes this issue especially urgent, considering the international scope of many electioneering groups. The FEC should strengthen the rules against foreign nationals injecting money into U.S. elections, and it should also require full disclosure of political spending and prevent candidates from coordinating with super PACs.

Bruce Howell

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**John Potter** to: IndependentSpending  
**Please respond to johnpotter422**

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Subject Comments on REG 2015-04

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Re: Comments on REG 2015-04

Dear Chair,

A diverse group of civic and religious organizations, environmentalists and academics pressed the FEC today to update existing regulations and issue new rules on disclosure, foreign money and coordination in light of the new campaign finance environment created by the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. In comments submitted the groups blamed "dark money" – the growing flood of campaign funds from unknown donors – squarely on the commission.

The Citizens United decision upheld the constitutionality of disclosure by an 8-to-1 vote. Today's flood of dark money in federal elections via both electioneering communications and independent expenditures is almost wholly the creation of the Federal Election Commission, and the Commission should take responsibility for correcting this problem.

Federal law and FEC regulations prohibit contributions and expenditures made "directly or indirectly" by foreign nationals in U.S. elections. However, that prohibition is easily sidestepped following Citizens United, because American subsidiaries of foreign companies and trade associations may now make unlimited expenditures for and against candidates in federal, state, local and judicial elections.

The FEC is allowing widespread, close coordination between candidate campaigns and outside electioneering groups, especially super PACs. Frequently, the coordination between super PACs and their candidates is laughable and the subject of televised comedy acts. What is indisputably obvious to the public and election experts, the lax coordination rules enable candidates to evade the contribution limits by setting up a closely coordinated super PAC.

The current FEC coordination rule is woefully inadequate to address today's political environment. It is essential that the Commission update its coordination rule to ensure that unregulated super PACs and other outside electioneering groups are truly independent of candidate and party committees.

A petition for rulemaking to strengthen was originally offered by FEC Chair Ann Ravel and Commissioner Ellen Weintraub, but when other commissioners refused to accept a petition from their colleagues, it was refiled.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Yours Sincerely,  
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Re: Comments on REG 2015-04 re Independent Spending by Corporations, Labor Organizations, Foreign Nationals and others

Dear Chair,

Watchdog groups [filed comments](#) today in support of a Public Citizen rulemaking petition seeking revisions of the FEC's flawed disclosure and coordination regulations.

Over the past eleven months the Commission has done nothing to advance the other rulemaking.

The Commission has had ample opportunity to fix the very obvious problems with its disclosure and coordination regulations. But the Republican Commissioners have blocked the actions to even consider whether new rules are needed, much less to adopt new rules. The new rulemaking petition gives them an opportunity to change their minds, but unfortunately, there's no reason to think they will.

Re: Comments:  
<http://www.democracy21.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/D21-and-CLC-Comments-on-REG-2015-04-Oct-27-20151.pdf>

Seriously consider the comments set forth.

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