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Comments provided by :
shaffer, lena

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Swenson_Pamela_01_14_2015_15_56_14_CommentText.txt

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I am writing to urge the Commission to insist on full disclosure about the true donors funding political ads. I think the Citizens United decision was a huge mistake, giving the very wealthy unfair influence in our elections. Letting the very wealthy influence elections in secrecy is another big mistake and one the Supreme Court did not expect. California's lead in this area is admirable and I fervently hope the FEC will follow California's lead. I truly believe our democracy is at stake!

Comments provided by :
Swenson, Pamela

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Oldham_Terry_01_14_2015_15_56_31_CommentText.txt

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Freedom of Speech on the Internet should be just that, free of charge & free of Govt. regulations.

Comments provided by :
Oldham, Terry

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Homyer_Gregory_01_14_2015_15_55_48_CommentText.txt

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Last time I looked we still had freedom of speech in this country. Short of speech comparable to hollering, "Fire!" in a theater, or inciting a riot, anything I say regarding my opinions, whether it be on a street corner, on a blog, in an e-mail, or anywhere else is my business. Not that of the federal government!

I sincerely believe that if you attempt to regulate speech on the internet, you will find it difficult to enforce and people will also revert to placing signage in their front yards or holding signs on streets corners, etc., etc. Attempting to halt the exercise of free speech in this country is a fool's errand.

Issues like this remind me of a story I once read about some folks called the Redcoats, who stepped on people's rights once too often. Interesting reading, to be sure.

Comments provided by :
Homyer, Gregory

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Please enact new rules to bring "dark money" political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many organizations and people that spend money on political campaigns to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed the American people would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please enact new rules that update and strengthen the FEC's present disclosure rules and protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Binkley, Thad

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Peloquin_Patricia_01_14_2015_15_56_47_CommentText.txt

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Under current FEC guidelines (from a unanimous, 6-0 decision in 2006), political advertising or commentary posted on YouTube is exempt from campaign reporting requirements. I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. We have freedom of speech in our U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights. The government has no business restricting our freedom of speech, including Youtube videos. Our internet should be free and not restricted like it is in Cube, China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, etc.!

Comments provided by :
Peloquin, Patricia

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In addition to comments below, I would prefer you limit political election spending to a maximum amount per position sought. Lets say \$1,000,000 for presidential candidates, \$100,000 per congressional candidates, and so on down the line.

This would also limit the vote buying going on today, and save us from all the dribble we hear in adds.

Excess contributions would be used to pay of the National Debt.

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Lansing, Ron

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Jordan_Nick_01_14_2015_15_57_02_CommentText.txt

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I believe that the Bill of Rights guarantees our free speech no matter the media used. Therefore any attempt to regulate, censor, or otherwise infringe upon that right is unconstitutional.

Comments provided by :
Jordan, Nick

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Alyxander_Thomasin_01_14_2015_15_56_55_CommentText.txt

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Ordinary people need to know how elections are bought and sold.

Comments provided by :
Alyxander, Thomasin

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Murphy_Dennis_01_14_2015_15_57_34_CommentText.txt

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The Citizens United decision was a travesty that must not go unchallenged.

Meanwhile, contributors with deep pockets can secretly support whomever they wish. We the people deserve to know who these contributors are so we can be better informed when we go to the polls.

Please enact new rules to bring so-called "dark money" political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of people who sponsor political ads.

Comments provided by :
Murphy, Dennis

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_toyohara_karen__01_14_2015_15_57_36_CommentText.txt

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IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL "DARK MONEY" BE DISCLOSED - HONESTLY AND COMPLETELY.

Comments provided by :
toyohara, karen

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Dear Commissioners,

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections-- drowning out the voices of average voters. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it wanted to. What the Commission can do, though, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads, as California has done. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Schlotte, Jack

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Hello,

I'm using the suggested comments from Common Cause, of which I am a member (for a number of years). They spell out wonderfully my thoughts on Dark Money in public politics. Hidden money is the bane of a democracy, and will seriously damage the United States, unless curtailed quickly and dramatically.

I quote:

"We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy.

Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy."

Please do the right thing for the people of America.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Fay, Richard

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Merritt_Bobby_01_14_2015_15_58_32_CommentText.txt

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I believe that all funds should be attributed to a specific (individual) donor.

Comments provided by :
Merritt, Bobby

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Folks -- I am a member of Common Cause, but I go way beyond them in my belief that our political process has been corrupted by money. To what degree you can take money out of politics you should - if there is a way to restrict what is said in ads so that one can only support candidates and not criticize opponents, that would be huge. Let the press and news media poke holes in candidates claims, but don't let candidates slander each other. It's unseemly, it is why such a low percentage even bother to vote, and what's worse is that negative campaigning works. People believe the worst about the candidates and you guys could and should find a way to change the rules so that the real issues are addressed, and so that people can make informed choices about what the candidates have voted for in the past and what they say they will do going forward, and not based on what their opponent cleverly twists and selectively reports about them. Citizens United is a bad joke, and the dark money in politics is corrosive at best. The First amendment does not guarantee people the right to lie, distort, or incite anger or fear. The kinds of distortions that are common in political attack ads are the equivalent of yelling "FIRE" in a crowded theater as far as the chilling and perverting impact it has on the political process. People should be held to account for their public statements, and if deemed distorted or incendiary they should be required to do community service, sweeping the streets and picking up garbage. Take a shot at these fat cats. Take them to court. Don't wimp out with some lame half-baked effort. Be bold. You will be widely applauded by all people except the power brokers who are running the show.

Rob Platten
Retired Corporate Executive

Comments provided by :
Platten, Robert

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Citizens have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden. Our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules that ensure that the purchasers of political ads are clearly identified.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Hansknecht, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Sanders_Aaron_01_14_2015_15_58_19_CommentText.txt

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I believe the internet should remain a free forum for people to voice their opinions, instructions and opposition to anything that they believe is an imposition to their way of life. The Government or any other entity should not impose rules on free speech, in any way, place or otherwise.

Comments provided by :
Sanders, Aaron

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Sirota, Gary

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_king_aida_01_14_2015_16_00_32_CommentText.txt

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The public has a right to know who/what is controlling our electoral process.

Comments provided by :
king, aida

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Freedom of speech is central to our liberty. It should not be curtailed or restricted except for cases in which it places people in PHYSICAL danger, as in yelling "Fire" in a crowded theater. What a person says need not be popular, generally accepted, or "politically correct". It can be vile, hateful, hurtful, or unacceptable to any or all others. Freedom of speech is not limited to the spoken or written word but includes all types of media such as film, television, and the internet. I am opposed to any regulation of speech in all forms on the internet so long as it does not directly lead to physical harm.

Comments provided by :
Michels, Corinne

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Aloha,

Nothing has been more damaging to our democracy than the Supreme Court decisions McCutcheon and Citizens United, and nothing is more important to protecting our democracy than overturning those disastrous decisions.

Citizens have a right to know who elected officials are working for and where their campaign money comes from, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
palma-glennie, janice

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Leventhal_Joel_01_14_2015_16_00_14_CommentText.txt

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don't let the rich 1% control our elections. Vote for the DISCLOSE act.

Comments provided by :
Leventhal, Joel

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Thank you,
Ann Walker-Susskind

Comments provided by :
Walker-Susskind, Ann

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_McCormick_Deborah_01_14_2015_16_01_39_CommentText.txt

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Please insist that all Dark Money non-profits be required to reveal their secret funders. It is fundamental to democracy.

Comments provided by :
McCormick, Deborah

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Cone_Karen_01_14_2015_16_00_48_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all political points of view understand what's at stake here ? our treasured First Amendment liberties!

Comments provided by :
Cone, Karen

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_DuPriest_Robert_01_14_2015_16_00_59_CommentText.txt

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I strongly oppose any regulation of the internet.

We are guaranteed freedom of speech by the Bill of Rights. Any attempt to impose "order," "regulation," "fairness," "equality," "neutrality," or any other value-laden word that you can think of is, by its nature, a limitation of the right to freedom of speech.

The internet does not belong to the government.

Keep your hands off!

Respectfully,]

Robert W. DuPriest, Jr.

Comments provided by :
DuPriest, Robert

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Stack_Ann_01_14_2015_16_01_20_CommentText.txt

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Democracy depends on the fair and equal representation of all citizens. Please overturn Citizens United which represents a select and wealthy few.

Comments provided by :
Stack, Ann

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hartner_Gary_01_14_2015_16_00_52_CommentText.txt

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The Internet should be free from federal control. Speech needs to be free in America, especially on the Internet.

Comments provided by :
Hartner, Gary

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Collins_moga_Julie_01_14_2015_16_02_17_CommentText.txt

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To Whom it may concern,

I strongly defend our rights to comment on any political or religious
content on U-tube and the internet.

Sincerely,

Julie Collins Moga

Comments provided by :
Collins moga, Julie

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In our current system, elected officials must spend much of their time in office raising funds for the next election. This focus on courting large donors has the power to influence how officials speak on the issues, draft legislation and vote. It is the right of citizens to know who funds our candidates - who they risk alienating with their decisions. Yet, our current system hides the purse strings these powerful political donors hold over those who represent us. It is time to restore public faith in our democracy with rules disclosing who is funding every candidate's political advertising.

The Supreme Court's Citizens United decision five years ago opened the floodgates to dark money funding of our elections. Hundreds of millions of dollars from unnamed sources including foreign governments and corporations have flowed to politicians and derailed programs protecting the quality of life in our United States.

Please act now to update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy. Your decision can help prevent the further decline in trust our citizens have in our political process.

Comments provided by :
Lotz, Barbara

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I feel strongly that we have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Escajeda, Mark

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Luria_Mayra_01_14_2015_16_02_51_CommentText.txt

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We no longer have any kind of Democracy, it is simply who spends the most money and this is not why I served in the Armed Forces.

This land has the right to have equal representation on all economic levels and allowing corporations to be "people" is the most offensive judgement made by our lawmakers.

Spending and false comments need to be controlled and limited.

Comments provided by :
Luria, Mayra

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_mastalski_joseph_01_14_2015_16_02_46_CommentText.txt

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if our congress truly wanted to represent the people it would over-ride the supreme court and the citizens
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Comments provided by :
mastalski, joseph

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I understand people have the right to give money to politicians and causes they believe in, and for the time being I accept corporations are treated as people. I also understand under the current rules the amounts of money they are allowed to give is larger than I believe is reasonable. But what I don't understand or accept is the current rules don't even allow us to know who is giving vast amounts of money.

We deserve to know who is influencing our elected officials and affecting our lives.

We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Comments provided by :
Ehrenkranz, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Nagel_Grant_01_14_2015_16_03_38_CommentText.txt

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Disclosure of funds is the least that needs to be done during and on Election Campaigns, including Political Advertisements within those Campaigns.

Comments provided by :

Nagel, Grant

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I am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free ! This administration may not like what free and informed people think or say about it on the Internet and elsewhere but free speech is a guaranteed right under the Constitution of the United States of America ! Stop this over reach by people trying to silence free speech and vote down this proposed rule. The First Amendment also applies to the digital arena and to digital content.

Comments provided by :
Stone, George

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I WAS A LOBYIST FOR THE AUTO BODY INDUSTRY IN THE LATE 90'S EARLY 2000'S. DURING MY TIME IN HARRISBURG AND WASHINGTON D.C. IT BECAME ABUNDENTLY CLEAR THE ROLE THIS SORT OF MONEY PLAYS IN THE INFLUENCE AND PASSAGE OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION. I HAD A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH A FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PA. WHO CUT ME OFF WHEN HE FOUND OUT WE DID NOT HAVE A REGISTERED P.A.C. HE WAS INDITED 3 WEEKS LATTER. PLEASE STOP THIS FREE FLOW OF UNREGULATED MONEY, WHICH HAS AN UNLAWFUL EFFECT ON OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL, PLEASE VOTE TO CONTROL THIS UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

Comments provided by :
LONDERGAN, JOHN

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We have the right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a true democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads. In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on election day -and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption. Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Riley, Stephen

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Camp_Robert__01_14_2015_16_04_21_CommentText.txt

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The FEC has both the right and the responsibility to demand disclosure from dark money sources. I am a 55 year old citizen, who has never felt so disconnected and voiceless as far as my government is concerned. I feel that the "1%" are gaming the system- flooding politics with money- without even having the courage to come out of the shadows. Please do all in your power to shine a light on them

Thank you,
Bob Camp

Comments provided by :
Camp, Robert

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Gaylord_Dorothy_01_14_2015_16_04_22_CommentText.txt

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This needs attention in Congress immediately. It is now apparent that all three branches of our government are under the thumb of powerful interests. You, who let this happen should rectify it. You do not work for the special interests you work for the American people.

Comments provided by :
Gaylord, Dorothy

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To whom it concerns:

I'm writing in opposition to ANY regulation of the content of internet messages from private citizens and/or political organizations. The current attitude of the federal government is to continually infringe on our 1st amendment rights and this is just another example of how they wish to put a muzzle on communication. WE THE PEOPLE have no other way to communicate whereas the government just "appropriates" time on t.v., radio and of course, the drive-by-media.

I hereby request ALL my representatives to OPPOSE any legislation that puts limits on the freedom of internet conversation.

Regards,
Ed Harris
Lake City, FL
32055

Comments provided by :
Harris, Edward S.

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I want to KNOW to who is contributing to the candidates for whom I might vote. Politicians like any one else respond to who pays them the most. That's a problem, when voters don't know who that would be. Too many political spenders hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy because it means it's a plutocracy not a democracy. While there are plenty of additional aspects to this plutocracy problem, knowing where the money is coming from would be a start. "Follow the money" has proven to be a reliable technique to disclose information and should apply to election funding as well. Transparency should start here. ----

So please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads. ----

IMO the Citizens United decision made it clear that even the Supreme Court is "owned and operated" by those big spenders. Like millions of others, I do not for one moment believe the rhetoric that there was not undue influence to get that decision passed. If we cannot even rely on the impartiality of the SCOTUS, then it is all the more important that the "dark money" is opened up to the Light of Day. ----

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Downing, Kathryn

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Curia_Peter_01_14_2015_16_04_39_CommentText.txt

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WE WANT TO KNOW WHO THE MONEY DONORS ARE! NO SECRECY!

Comments provided by :
Curia, Peter

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As a voter, I ask that the FEC require all groups or individuals, including Super PACs, and 501 (c)(4) social welfare organizations who spend any money, any money at all, for TV ads, radio Ads, print material, online ads, Get out the Vote drives, campaign organizing, any action during an election period (6 months before a general election) and especially on any activities defined under law as "electioneering communications" and "independent expenditures" to disclose in detail all their expenditures and tall donors over \$1,000 to the FEC within 72 hours of spending commitments and for the FEC to disclose those online to the public within 24 hours of report from the groups spending the money."

Comments provided by :
Wiemeyer, Janice

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Niemi, William

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Young_Kelly_01_14_2015_16_05_05_CommentText.txt

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I and my fellow American citizens have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That?s simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court smugly assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. Or perhaps more ominously, they in fact DON'T WANT US TO KNOW. Since that onerous decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that have already lead to corruption.

I demand an update and strengthening of the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Young, Kelly

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Dear FEC,

Please require donors to disclose dark money.

Also disclose monies transfered from dark money to candidate's campaigns.

Require dislosure in large print and spoken donors to tv ads.

Also, require TV ads to be truth in advertising.

Sue the Supreme Court's decision to allow corporations to be treated as persons as they do not have a vote, and should not be allowed to make campaign contributions.

Also you need to sue the gerrymandering in redistricting 2010 that allowed Senate votes to be 20M more Democratic, and House voters to be 1 M more Democrats and still considered the minority.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :

Sanfiippo, Val

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Ayres_Erle_Daniel_01_14_2015_16_05_05_CommentText.txt

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Full disclosure of ALL political spending is essential in a representative democracy.

Since the recent SCOTUS decisions, rules made by the FEC have been discarded in the interest of hidden domination of our electoral process.

IMHO the ONLY solution to completely resolve these issues is an amendment to the federal constitution. Corporate Entities are not People.

They have no rights, only privileges granted in law. They do not have the privilege of using corporate resources to influence elections or the regulatory process

Comments provided by :

Ayres, Erle Daniel

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It is impossible to recognize bias, motivation or hidden agendas for advocacy advertising without knowing who is paying for the ads. This makes it possible, even probable, for deceptive, self-serving messages to fly under the radar -- and whomever has the most money generally wins. This is not healthy for policy. It is not healthy for our long term competitiveness in the world economy because it allows powerful corporations to stifle competition here while the rest of the world moves on to more advanced technologies and subsequently takes market share. (Hybrid cars are a good example. U.S. automakers used their clout to delay mileage standards and continue producing SUVs while Japan built a huge lead in hybrid technology.) Worst of all, it is not healthy for our democracy, because it denies voters the tools necessary to make informed decisions. The current rules are inherently corrupt, and they facilitate ever more corruption.

Please, institute rules that create transparency in advocacy ads.

Thank you,
Jon Povill

Comments provided by :
Povill, Jon

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_rosas_gabriel_01_14_2015_16_04_53_CommentText.txt

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get whats in the dark out into the light and end this corruption once and for all!!!!

Comments provided by :
rosas, gabriel

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Shuster_Andrew_01_14_2015_16_05_29_CommentText.txt

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None

Comments provided by :
Shuster, Andrew

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Cherry_Thomas_01_14_2015_16_05_29_CommentText.txt

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In a Democracy there should be no hidden influences. To make an informed decision on any issue, I need to understand who is for and who is against.

Comments provided by :
Cherry, Thomas

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Block, Jane

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Ferguson_Larry_01_14_2015_16_05_39_CommentText.txt

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We The People have a right to know who is buying elections.

Comments provided by :
Ferguson, Larry

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I believe we have a right to know who are the special interests and wealthy donors who fund the political campaigns of our representatives. I am writing to ask that you enact rules to bring political spenders into the open so we know who is trying to influence our votes and those of our elected officials.

The Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court has enabled secret sources to put many millions of dollars into our political system without full disclosure. This is an overwhelming corrupting influence on our elections.

Please do not permit the wealthy 1% drown out the voices of ordinary citizens. It threatens the viability of our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Davis, Judith

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Moser_Robert_01_14_2015_16_06_18_CommentText.txt

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I don't think that anyone should be able to block my free speech or your of the internet.

Comments provided by :
Moser, Robert

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It is essential in a democracy that we know the source of campaign contributions -- especially those that are sizeable, in order to ensure that those who claim to represent us actually serve the public's interest and not their wealthy benefactors'. Dark money has no place in a representative system; it makes a mockery of fairness and equality and destroys the incentive of working-class Americans to vote; it causes ever-growing distrust of a Federal government that is clearly controlled by undisclosed wealthy corporations and Big Moneyed individuals who, under current regulations, have no accountability to average citizens.

Comments provided by :
Thomason, Jeanne

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Comments provided by :
logan, t

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The Supreme Court, in Citizens United, assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways which are leading to corruption.

Again, please strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Casner, Hubert

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Comments provided by :
Freire, Katrina

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I believe there should be full transparency for all political donations. Citizens United has made it possible for the identity of donors to PACs, SuperPACs, and 501cs to be hidden from the public. This money has been spent in unscrupulous ways to deceive the public with misinformation and propaganda through media ad buys. The public has a right to know who a candidate represents, and the identity of who is paying for political ads.

Additionally, politicians should not be able to accept donations from interests that they regulate. Interests of the moneyed elite are reflected in tax policy and budget allocation that seems to indicate there may be quid pro quo for support from the corporate and financial sector donors and lobbyists. It is the FEC's responsibility to find ways to end the corrupting influence of money in politics and empower everyday Americans to have a voice and be represented in our political process.

Comments provided by :
Kivlen, Barbara

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hodges_Howard_01_14_2015_16_07_13_CommentText.txt

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Keep the internet FREE as it was originally designed. The government should not try to regulate it.

Comments provided by :
Hodges, Howard

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Dear Commissioners;

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections-- drowning out the voices of average voters. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it wanted to. What the Commission can do, however, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Court's promise in its Citizens United decision that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Garrett Weinstein
Sherman Oaks, CA, USA

Comments provided by :
Weinstein, Garrett

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Lerche_Rick__01_14_2015_16_08_01_CommentText.txt

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FEC:

As a citizen opposed to Citizen's United, I'd like the FEC to update and strengthen disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

The 1% should not be allowed to secretly hide their campaign donations, to elected officials, from the public.

Comments provided by :
Lerche, Rick

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_contreras_ephraim_01_14_2015_16_08_21_CommentText.txt

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Keep our internet free. Government must stop meddling in whatever issue they think they can manipulate.

Comments provided by :
contreras, ephraim

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Lutz_S._01_14_2015_16_08_14_CommentText.txt

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I oppose the FEC's proposed rule to regulate speech on the internet and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the internet free. As Americans we have the right of free speech and the freedom to petition our government. This proposed rule stifles our First Amendment rights. Americans of all political points of view understand what is at stake here -- silencing any opposition.

Comments provided by :
Lutz, S.

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_schinkel_joan_01_14_2015_16_08_29_CommentText.txt

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how can you ignore the rights of the American People and pass laws that are for the rich favoring their wishes only. You are un-American and are taking bribes we all know that's the obvious reason for your action.

Comments provided by :
schinkel, joan

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Saher_Roland_01_14_2015_16_08_24_CommentText.txt

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It is absolutely necessary to have transparency in our public dealings, particularly when it comes to money in elections.

Comments provided by :
Saher, Roland

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I oppose the FEC's proposed rule. I ask you to please keep the Internet free from Government interference based on partisan or political motivations. Just because this Administration may not always like the content of what certain commentators say or write on the Internet, it would be morally and constitutionally abhorrent to make it more costly or difficult for opponents of the Administration to express their contrary views and opinions. The protection of the First Amendment is not limited to the national media or to those who traditionally favor the policies of this Administration. I would ask that you respect the rights of the individual and the alternative media to voice their opinions on the Internet, even when their message is inconvenient to the Administration or contrary to the views and opinions of the "mainstream" media.

Comments provided by :
Zimmerman Jr, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_glazewski_bill_01_14_2015_16_08_45_CommentText.txt

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It's ironic that you want to know who I am and with whom I'm associated. But, when it comes to funding politicians who may do the bidding of their donors and associates, you don't seem to give a bleep.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Give a bleep!

Comments provided by :
glazewski, bill

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Dear Commissioners,

I am very concerned about the flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision of the Supreme Court in 2010 . However, the Commission can bring disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Braslau, Rebecca

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Comments provided by :
Wolfer, Barry

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Comments provided by :
Onderdonk, Carole

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Reference to FEC's proposed rule changes for the Internet:

I oppose this proposed rule and I'm writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. It is an unacceptable and un-constitutional attack on the First Amendment. As Americans, we have (and enjoy) the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government under the First Amendment, as protected by the Constitution of the United States of America.

This includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, and the right to criticize our elected leaders (including the president) on Twitter. The First Amendment also gives Americans the right to make political commentary on Facebook.

The First Amendment applies to the digital arena. The FEC and this administration needs to, and MUST, understand that basic point.

HANDS OFF the Internet! - HANDS OFF constitutionally-protected freedom of speech!

Comments provided by :

Frink, L.J.

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Dear Commissioners,

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections, drowning out the voices of average voters. This was a serious setback for a well functioning democracy representative of citizen interests. Therefore I urge you to bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its rules to require full public disclosure of complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." I urge that the Commission close the dark money loophole that it created. Please make make sure that Commission's rules truly reflect the Citizens United ruling's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections will be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Reagan, Russell

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I find it utterly despicable, that this Country allows so much money, to pass through our political system, without disclosure and completely unchecked. The amount of money that is transferred to special interest groups and political parties, without any disclosure, is repugnant and certainly unfair to the American voter. There should be limits on the amount of money that can be given on behalf of candidates, political positions and/or parties, and special interest groups. The voters have an absolute right to know, to whom politicians "owe" favors. The system should be fair, transparent and certainly have limits. One person, one vote. The votes of American citizens should not be drowned out, by excessive, secretive money. It goes against our values as Americans. Something must be done and it must be done now. It is your responsibility to correct this and make sure that we have open, honest and above all else, transparent and fair, elections.

Comments provided by :
Trottier, Nancy

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_romanelli_richard_01_14_2015_16_10_31_CommentText.txt

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I support a FREE and OPEN Internet. I support the words and activism of the late Aaron Swartz. I support net neutrality. Thank you

Comments provided by :
romanelli, richard

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Comments provided by :
Stadler, Jenny

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Crager_Daniel_01_14_2015_16_10_50_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free.

There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all political points of view understand what's at stake here ?our treasured First Amendment liberties.

Comments provided by :
Crager, Daniel

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Comments provided by :
Kosterich, Jeffrey

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Law_Fred_01_14_2015_16_11_07_CommentText.txt

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The people have right to know who is contributing to political campaigns.there also should be limits of \$100 per person or group

Comments provided by :

Law, Fred

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Raridan_Jesse_01_14_2015_16_11_34_CommentText.txt

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Please do not impose any restrictions or taxes of any kind on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Raridan, Jesse

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Comments provided by :
Donaldson, Jerry

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Dear Commissioners,

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections-- drowning out the voices of average voters like myself. I recognize the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it so desired. What the Commission can do, though, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to follow California's lead by revising its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Landon, Jessica

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_duggleby_colin_01_14_2015_16_11_45_CommentText.txt

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Citizens United, the Supreme Court's laissez-faire free pass to corporate spending on elections, has a built-in corruption-enabler feature, in that political spenders can hide their true identities, making it impossible for average citizens to know who is buying lawmaking influence... we have the right to know whose money influences our elected officials.

This is unacceptable in a democracy, so please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose their true identities... full disclosure for those who bankroll political ads!

Comments provided by :
duggleby, colin

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. As Americans, we enjoy the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government. In today's modern age, that includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, the right to criticize the Administration on Twitter, and the right to make political commentary on Facebook. The First Amendment applies to the digital arena, and the FEC needs to understand that basic point. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all political points of view understand what's at stake here ? our treasured First Amendment liberties!

Comments provided by :
Ernst, Ann

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hamby_Kenneth_01_14_2015_16_12_07_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan agreement that the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet will violate our First Amendment liberties. The FEC should NOT regulate the Internet!

Comments provided by :
Hamby, Kenneth

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Carney_Larry_01_14_2015_16_12_40_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Carney, Larry

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Taplin_Dennis_01_14_2015_16_12_34_CommentText.txt

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I am writing to state that current FEC guidelines (from a unanimous, 6-0 decision in 2006), political advertising or commentary posted on YouTube is exempt from campaign reporting requirements. As set forth in the Constitution for the United States of American, First Amendment, this is free speech and must not be infringed. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Taplin, Dennis

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Eskin_Sandra_01_14_2015_16_12_35_CommentText.txt

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It is the Federal Election Commission's responsibility to enforce full disclosure of those who purchase and those who provide back funding of political ads. Your job is to protect the democratic election process and our voters, not to shield those who would use the airwaves/tv and other media for their own benefit while hiding their true identities.

Thank you for supporting full disclosure of political spending.

Comments provided by :

Eskin, Sandra

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Graham_Caryl_01_14_2015_16_12_28_CommentText.txt

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The Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court opened the door to millions of dollars from donors who choose to remain secret. Each election has seen an increase in the amount of money from these sources. We have a right to know who is trying to influence our legislators in ways that are not helpful to the American people. Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Graham, Caryl

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Comments provided by :
Rienstra, Julieta

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Comments provided by :
Mantas, Nicholas

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Our constitution protects many facets/functions of ALL of our lives in these United States and must be adhered to.

This Administration has been slowly forging the ball and chain that will enslave Americans and our freedoms.

The birth of new free technologies now and into the future does not in any way shape or form give any US government agency any advantage or will to regulate it regardless of the now and current administration in a position of power.

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND OPEN IN FORM/FORUM FROM ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATION!

Comments provided by :
Cervenka, Robert

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_sala_david_01_14_2015_16_13_10_CommentText.txt

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
sala, david

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Democracy is a principle upon which our country was founded. This principle depends on the public having access to opposing views, and then exercising their right to choose elected representatives that will best bring about a legislative reality for these views. This is dependent on various views getting a fair hearing within modern media. The degree to which this happens is now mostly dependent on money. The voice of a hundred people is dwarfed by a pile of money that stacks higher than the money that those people might spend. And much worse is the long-term cumulative effect as people lose interest in trying to out-shout, out-spend-and out-vote money. As participation dwindles, what is left is a shell with no substance. Democracy is a messy system, slow to act, sometimes inefficient. Its saving grace is its stability and fairness. As fewer participate, support for the system and fairness will erode, because the system will operate to reward its active supporters. 100 years from now, what will be left of America's heritage? If you believe in democracy, you must put in place rules that will allow it to function. Can anyone believe that secret political contributions are consistent with a democratic society? We live in a world that has small infringements on our freedom in exchange for a greater good. I believe that limiting the power of secret money is just such an infringement.

Comments provided by :
bean, eliot

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bevis_Henry_01_14_2015_16_14_18_CommentText.txt

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We can not see any purpose in changing anything to do with free speech.
We already have that covered in the First Amendment to the Constitution.
When wanting to make a comment or write something to anyone, on line or otherwise, then the person
should not have any problem in saying who they are and include all of the information to I.D. themselves.

Comments provided by :
Bevis, Henry

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Steskal_Rod_01_14_2015_16_14_21_CommentText.txt

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I though Freedom meant not hiding Anything!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Especially Our ELECTIONS!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
Steskal, Rod

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Dear FEC

As a taxpaying citizen I have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, our current system allows many political spenders to hide their identities. That's unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders into the open, they must disclose the identities of those who bankroll political advertisements.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

For the sake of Democracy, please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Bushroe, Fred

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The current system allows massive amounts of money from undisclosed sources to influence the outcome of elections. This makes it easy for drug money and money from foreign sources to be used to obtain the influence and outcomes that no sane person would accept as being a "right." The current system is the contrivance of those who benefit from corruption - from the ability of undisclosed sources of funds to be used to influence the outcome of elections.

Money is not mentioned in the First Amendment. Protecting a particular use of money to corrupt the electoral process is a distortion of the Constitution not supported in any writings of the framers.

But since the Republican appointees to the Supreme Court prefer to protect the unfettered use of unlimited funds over the public's right to fair and honest elections, the only defense remaining that can protect elections from sources who would use their money to buy an outcome beneficial to their own interests, is to require disclosure of all funds that are used in any way to influence the outcome of elections.

The FEC has a choice between being complicit in the corruption of elections or requiring full disclosure of the source of all funds in order to protect the integrity of elections.

If the FEC can't do what is necessary to protect elections, then please be honest and change the word "elections" to "auctions" - because that is the reality of what the FEC will have allowed.

Comments provided by :
Weiss, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_sHEPARD_Erika_01_14_2015_16_14_50_CommentText.txt

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Please create rules that fight the corrupting influence of secret money in our government. They are supposed to be PUBLIC officials!

Comments provided by :
sHEPARD, Erika

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Johnson_Carole_01_14_2015_16_15_11_CommentText.txt

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I oppose the proposed rule and am writing to demand that the FEC do the right thing and keep the Internet free. The latest attempt to stifle free speech and take away our First Amendment rights fits into a long and repeated pattern of abuse from this Administration!

Comments provided by :
Johnson, Carole

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Parker_Alan_01_14_2015_16_15_07_CommentText.txt

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I am opposed to REG 2014-01 because it would suppress free speech on the internet and stifle commentary by individual citizens and bloggers. I believe it would violate ordinary citizen's rights to free political speech and violate our Constitution's First Amendment. I am opposed to any attempt to regulate political speech on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Parker, Alan

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Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Lent, Kelli

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I am opposed to the FEC's proposed rule changes regarding the internet.

Our right to freedom of speech, and the right to petition our government hinge on the FREEDOM to do both of those things in whatever venue available to us as citizens. Our greatest ability comes from the internet, and the FEC is attempting to shut down free speech by hindering the ability to use it.

This administration is trying to silence and strong-arm millions of voices, and this CANNOT be allowed.

God bless America.

Belinda Szmytke
Plymouth, MI

Comments provided by :
Szmytke, Belinda

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Rappolt_George_01_14_2015_16_15_53_CommentText.txt

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The public has the right to know the identity of everyone who spends money to influence an election (and how much they spend). This means everyone who spends anything to influence any election in any way. Please include the strongest possible disclosure rules in REG 2014-01.

Comments provided by :
Rappolt, George

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We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Huypen, Konstantin

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Gemuenden_Elaine_01_14_2015_16_15_43_CommentText.txt

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I believe that the united states should have open and freedom to comment whether written or spoken. The Federal Govm't should not under any circumstances limit our freedom. We are already restricted in self expression which may offend someone. I am offended daily by what is being said or written but I support the freedom to do so.

Comments provided by :
Gemuenden, Elaine

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In a true democracy, campaign finance laws would keep big money out of elections so that each vote would count. Unfortunately our elections are determined by the number of dollars spent rather than the number of votes cast.

In order for us voters to know which candidate represents our values, it is critical that we know what organizations and what people are behind the financing for each candidate. Please enact election rules that DISCLOSE all donors to PACS, SuperPacs and candidates. Only then will we be able to understand which candidates will support the policies important to us. The current reliance on total secrecy engenders corruption and elects policy-makers who serve their donors, not their constituents.

Lynn Abbott, Steamboat Springs, CO

Comments provided by :
Abbott, Lynn

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Comments provided by :
Stober, Judy

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Smith_Xanna_01_14_2015_16_16_38_CommentText.txt

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I am in opposition to this latest proposed rule by the FEC to curb our First Amendment Rights to FREE speech. You must keep the internet FREE! Stifling our FREE speech rights is a repeated pattern of behavior from our current Administration. This is shameful and this rule must be stopped. Do not silence the voices of Americans just because you don't like to hear patriotic voices!!

Comments provided by :
Smith, Xanna

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Beaumont_Adina_01_14_2015_16_16_02_CommentText.txt

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Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Access to the internet must be accessible for everybody.

It would be completely wrong to allow any corporation(s) to control and dictate the terms of use.

In your position as head of the FCC I hope you will act honorably and safeguard internet freedom now and for future generations.

Net Neutrality is vital, please pass Title II.

With thanks,

Adina Beaumont

Comments provided by :
Beaumont, Adina

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Selvage_Kathy__01_14_2015_16_16_55_CommentText.txt

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It is wrong to have given individual status to corporations (as they are not human and are given the rights of humans without the responsibility) and it is equally wrong to allow the conglomeration of their monies in our political process by way of ads or other devices without identifying the source or sources of such interjections. Rules should demand the source of all contributors for public information.

Comments provided by :
Selvage, Kathy

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Comments provided by :
Graser, Vickie

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Rowan_Allan_01_14_2015_16_17_12_CommentText.txt

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Regulating the speech content on the internet is unnecessary. Sufficient regulations and laws already exist.

Comments provided by :
Rowan, Allan

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Lockhart_Homer_01_14_2015_16_16_49_CommentText.txt

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We have the right to know to whom elected officials are beholden! Corporations and wealthy special interest hide behind front groups to keep us from knowing who's trying to influence our votes, and make sure we won't know whom our elected officials will owe favors to after they take office (big banks to big to fail). It's dishonest , and it's bad for our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Lockhart, Homer

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This is simply unacceptable in a democracy.

Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court appeared to assume we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. They were wrong; since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Butchart, Marcia

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Norrell_Becky_01_14_2015_16_18_34_CommentText.txt

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I stongly object to FEC regulating political
speech or personal opinion on utube or personal blogs.
Government intrusion into our free speech is unamerican.

WHY DON'T YOU GO AFTER THE PORN PUSHERS ON INTERNET???

Becky Norrell

Comments provided by :
Norrell, Becky

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Myers_Keith_01_14_2015_16_18_26_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Myers, Keith

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Barnes_Elizabeth_01_14_2015_16_18_06_CommentText.txt

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The only way a democracy can successfully survive is in an atmosphere of trust and transparency. Currently, we have neither.

Please create and enact new rules that require the identification of those who bankroll political ads. Please update and strengthen the FEC's rules on disclosure. Our fragile democracy and all those it harbors, depends on it.

Comments provided by :
Barnes, Elizabeth

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Rowen_Philip_01_14_2015_16_19_13_CommentText.txt

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The government has NO business trying to regulate free speech - even on the internet. It they are successful here, it will only be a matter of time before they use this as precedent to control even more of our constitutional rights (freedoms).

The only reason they are not doing this to the press is because they already have them in their back pocket, as mere puppets and they are the handler!

The constitution states that anything not specifically delineated in the constitution as being the purview of the federal government is then up to the jurisdiction of the states!!!

Let's stop the Obama Administrations unconstitutional power plays - it is disgusting, un-American and should be considered treason!!!!!!!

Flip Rowen
Albuquerque, NM

Comments provided by :
Rowen, Philip

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I strenuously object to corporations and wealthy special interests hiding behind front groups to keep us from knowing who's trying to influence our votes. They want to make sure we don't know who our elected officials owe favors to after they take office. It's dishonest, and it's bad for democracy.

In the five years since Citizens United, Senate Republicans have repeatedly filibustered the DISCLOSE Act which would shine a light on secret spending.

The FEC has the right and the obligation to enact new rules that will push these secretive political spenders out into the open and disclose their true identities. This system is corrupt and it borders on bribery. Do you value democracy in America? Then please shine a light on secret political spenders.

Comments provided by :
Ryser, Ruth

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Teichmann_Shannon_01_14_2015_16_19_55_CommentText.txt

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Keep speech free on the Internet! Keep political commentary on the Internet and social media exempt from campaign reporting requirements. Protect our God-given and constitutionally protected right to free speech. Please do not stand on the side of censorship, suppressing free speech, and preserve the rights that liberties that make America the best country in the world in which to live.

Thank you.

Shannon Teichmann

Comments provided by :
Teichmann, Shannon

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Petersen_Robert_01_14_2015_16_20_10_CommentText.txt

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Please require political donors to be identified. Secret donations encourage corruption.

Comments provided by :
Petersen, Robert

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Little_John_DC_01_14_2015_16_20_14_CommentText.txt

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Please support legislation to identify the individuals (real people) who give funds to political action committees.

Comments provided by :
Little, John DC

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Gutierrez, Ann

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I became a citizen in 1972 and since that time our elections have been bought by the wealthiest among us and our democracy is sadly disappearing.
The lower economic population does not have the time or sometimes the abilities to vote.
Many people have to work two jobs or more to make ends meet.
We all need more than one day in which to vote.
We all should have the option to vote on line.
Money should be taken out of the election process!!!!
One election just blends into the next. How ridiculous.
Since money is the game player then ALL donations, proceeds or what ever term one wishes to use should be totally transparent, no matter who, what, where or how.
Ads for politicians and parties should be limited and everyone should have equal time on TV or radio.
I am so FED UP with this political system, it is for the wealthy only.
We need a new party.
All candidates should have to obtain the SAME amount of signatures to get on the ballot.
It is too easy for incumbents to get re-elected.

Comments provided by :
Janosik, Celia M

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Comments provided by :
Eggum, Bruce

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Dotson_Linda_01_14_2015_16_22_24_CommentText.txt

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I oppose the FEC's proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. This Administration may not always like the content of what Americans say or write on the Internet. But the Administration and the FEC must uphold the First Amendment and respect our right to voice our opinions on the Internet, even when our message is inconvenient to the Administration.

Comments provided by :
Dotson, Linda

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bone_Paul__01_14_2015_16_22_24_CommentText.txt

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Honor our first ammendment rights to FREEDOM OF SPEECH EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING THE
INTERNET ...

Comments provided by :
Bone, Paul

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Sievers_Linda_01_14_2015_16_21_50_CommentText.txt

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It is time for the names of donors to be known, we as voters and tax payers have a right to know who is buying our politicians. Our representatives are supposed to be working for us, the citizens, but with all the money being thrown at them under the name of "campaign contributions", it is impossible for us to believe that. Failure on your part to bring these "donors" to light would be perceived as your unwillingness to betray these "donors", which can only mean one thing, you're on the payroll, too.

Comments provided by :
Sievers, Linda

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Iannotti_Donald_01_14_2015_16_22_35_CommentText.txt

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don't shut me out

Comments provided by :
Iannotti, Donald

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_miller_stephen_01_14_2015_16_21_35_CommentText.txt

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Dear members of the Federal Election Commission,

I respectfully request that you require full disclosure for all election campaign contributions. As a citizen of a democracy, I have the right to know who is funding and influencing the election process, in particular those entities whose dollars are currently buying more influence than my one vote.

Gull disclosure is an essential component of a free democracy.

Thank you for honoring the truth of our American democracy.

Sincerely,

Stephen Miller

Comments provided by :
miller, stephen

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It is bad enough that in this country that people (and even ridiculously, CORPORATIONS) can donate thousands of dollars to politicians in an attempt to buy legislation. It is even worse if this can be done in secret.

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Comments provided by :
Webb, Gary

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I view this as URGENT... PLEASE, do something immediately. My wife and I have a right to know to whom elected officials are indebted. Our current disclosure rules allows many political spenders to hide their true identities which is unacceptable to us living in a democracy. PLEASE enact new rules to bring dark money political funding out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

The Citizens United ruling assumes we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. Since that Supreme Court decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

PLEASE??? Strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules. We view it as imperative.

Honestly... The amount of money being spent on elections could go a long way towards funding education or any other American need.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Stout, James

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. As Americans, we enjoy the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government. In today's modern age, that includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, the right to criticize the Administration on Twitter, and the right to make political commentary on Facebook. The First Amendment applies to the digital arena, and the FEC needs to understand that basic point.

President Truman once said in a speech to Congress, "Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear."

I hope the FEC will heed this advice and NOT regulate the Internet.

Comments provided by :
Erickson, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hamilton_James_01_14_2015_16_22_42_CommentText.txt

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Please get secret money out of politics. It is distorting our democracy. Please allow American citizens to know specifically who is paying for all the ads we see so we can see if they have a personal agenda they are promoting and not for the good of the United States of America.

Comments provided by :
Hamilton, James

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hofer_John_01_14_2015_16_22_46_CommentText.txt

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No government should have any control what so ever with anything having to do with the internet.

Comments provided by :
Hofer, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Dueck_Rodney_01_14_2015_16_23_33_CommentText.txt

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At age 72 I've had an opportunity to observe our economy and political system for a while.

I am beginning to have my doubts about our system. Friends around the world see us increasingly as a laughing stock, that the idea we call democracy or representative government has become a cruel joke, where we'll financed propaganda funded with dark money can carry the day, where legislation routinely creates policies that do not serve the public interest or public will.

This failure of authenticity is becoming catastrophic. Public trust is gone.

You have a responsibility to do the right thing, to foster the goal of democracy and not undermine it.

Public disclosure of money in politics is the bare minimum. Money needs to be substantially out of politics. REMEMBER Now it's Oligarchs United not Citizens United.

Rodney Dueck MD

Comments provided by :
Dueck, Rodney

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Comments provided by :
Saklad, Ph.D., Eugene L.

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Wallis_William_01_14_2015_16_23_16_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all points of view understand that our First Amendment liberties are at stake here.

Comments provided by :
Wallis, William

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Comments provided by :
Khalsa, Prabhu

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Roberts_Celia_01_14_2015_16_23_35_CommentText.txt

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It is painfully apparent to EVERYONE in this country who is paying attention and who cares about our survival of our Democracy, that Citizens United has threatened that Democracy on every level. PLEASE, PLEASE change the rules so that we can at LEAST find out who is causing this threat though their effort to buy that Democracy. Thank you for listening to my deepest concerns!

Comments provided by :
Roberts, Celia

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Reagan_John_01_14_2015_16_23_10_CommentText.txt

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Keep it Free and open NO GOV. involvement at all ever....

Comments provided by :
Reagan, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_estes_william_01_14_2015_16_23_32_CommentText.txt

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keep net neutral. No tierd access. Companies should pay for the price of doing business from their profits, not by the consumer.

Comments provided by :
estes, william

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_ellyson_sondra_01_14_2015_16_23_18_CommentText.txt

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We should have freedom of speech. There is a little saying, "Sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me." We should all know that what is said will not always be something we like but that is life. Live your life so others don't have something bad to say and if they do, the truth will come out. Those that want to keep us silent, what are they trying to hide?

Comments provided by :
ellyson, sondra

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Maki_Paul_01_14_2015_16_22_56_CommentText.txt

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I would like to see a situation where no candidate has a larger source of money than his/her competitors.
I would also like to see a situation where My Elected Officials cannot spend time fundraising while they are supposed to be working for Me (and other constituents) 40 hours per week like I have to work.

Comments provided by :
Maki, Paul

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Beckstrom_James_01_14_2015_16_22_50_CommentText.txt

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Whoever wants to hide that they're funding public airwaves "information" dissemination obviously wants to lie, scam and skewer public awareness - "truth in advertising" needs to apply to political ads even more so than to products and services.

Comments provided by :
Beckstrom, James

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Sprague, Belle

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Knapp_Linda_01_14_2015_16_24_29_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to request that the FEC keep the Internet free. This latest attempt to stifle free speech and restrict our First Amendment rights is unconstitutional and we expect our representatives to make sure it does not happen.

Linda Knapp

Comments provided by :
Knapp, Linda

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In the name of ?free speech? we need to know who is talking. Make no mistake about it, these political spenders expect a big return on their investment.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Brady, Michael

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Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Watts, Susan

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bishop_Carol_01_14_2015_16_24_17_CommentText.txt

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I am concerned about the amount of money flowing to campaigns in which the donors are not known. I now believe that the majority of our politicians are making decisions that increase the income of their large donors.

This has had a detrimental effect on our country and is one of the reasons we have such an income split among the very wealthy and those working for wages.

Please require disclosure of the money flowing into campaigns.

Comments provided by :
Bishop, Carol

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Beebee_Kara_01_14_2015_16_24_05_CommentText.txt

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Corporations and wealthy special interests hide behind front groups to keep us from knowing who's trying to influence our votes, and to make sure we won't know whom our elected officials will owe favors to after they take office. It's dishonest, and it's bad for our democracy.

Think of all citizens-- like me-- when making these choices.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Beebee, Kara

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Pence_Monte_01_14_2015_16_24_45_CommentText.txt

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Pence, Monte

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Laws_David_01_14_2015_16_25_26_CommentText.txt

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We MUST be allowed to know what entities are attempting to BUY OUR ELECTIONS!

Comments provided by :
Laws, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_RHOADS_HENRY_01_14_2015_16_25_21_CommentText.txt

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The public has a need to know who is funding our representatives & senators.

Comments provided by :
RHOADS, HENRY

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I'm writing to voice my frustration about the lack of disclosure and transparency in our election system. While I'm not an attorney, so I cannot presume to speak to the words of the Citizens United decision, what I experience as a result of this and other similar legislation is this: as a voting citizen, I have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, and who pays for their campaigns. But our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Comments provided by :
Gire, Nancy

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The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections-- drowning out the voices of average voters. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it wanted to. What the Commission can do, though, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Snyder, Shaun

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Geiger_Grant_01_14_2015_16_24_52_CommentText.txt

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I am totally against any regulation of the internet by the Government.

Comments provided by :
Geiger, Grant

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We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That?s simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Comments provided by :
Payne, Scott

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_estes_william_01_14_2015_16_26_09_CommentText.txt

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Who is buying our politicians? We should know.

Comments provided by :
estes, william

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hollis_Barbara_01_14_2015_16_26_24_CommentText.txt

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Accountability & disclosure on who is giving \$\$ to whom.

Comments provided by :
Hollis, Barbara

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Dear Commissioners,

Our political system is broken! We the people must have safeguards in law that stops Dark Money from billionaires and other special interests from subverting our democracy!

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Kramer, Michael

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Gaynor_Gregory_01_14_2015_16_26_24_CommentText.txt

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At this moment our freedoms are protected under the U.S. Constitution. Any control of said freedoms undermines the basis of our God given rights under the Constitution. Which in turn denies us our freedom. We the people do not answer to a dictator. We control our freedoms by elected officials. These officials are controlled by us. If you move ahead with this particular legislation, how soon before this comment that I am writing now will be considered illegal?

Comments provided by :
Gaynor, Gregory

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How many Americans know the protestors in Hong Kong are demanding their government stop giving votes to corporations? Not many, I'm sure. If the people of a Chinese Communist city know this is wrong, then why would this idea ever be allowed in the American voting process? Because our politicians pushed it through and our biased Supreme Court members affirmed it. For the sake of our democracy, which many have fought and died for, we must not allow this nightmare to continue. Citizens United has no place in our governance or our election process. Stop it NOW! We do not support it, and we never had a chance to vote on it. No person of conscience will rest until this is struck down permanently.

Comments provided by :
Martin, Barrie

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_sousa_victor_01_14_2015_16_27_03_CommentText.txt

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Citizens United as it is is antithetical to the very principles of the Founding Fathers.

Comments provided by :
sousa, victor

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We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Mitton, Darren

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Dominiak_Adam_01_14_2015_16_27_34_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Dominiak, Adam

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I urge the Commission to revise the disclosure rules for political contributions so that the source of political ads funding is made public. Although the Commission cannot overturn the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, they can revise the disclosure requirements to bring the current process more into line with the expectation for full disclosure as expected by Citizens United. The existing disclosure rules allow an ?easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names.? Please act to increase openness and fairness as one step in restoring elections to be by and for the people and not who has the most money.

Comments provided by :
Beggs, Mike

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Chairman Ravel and Fellow Federal Election Commissioners,

As an American I find the existence of the Federal Election Commission (FEC), like the vast majority of federal bureaucracies, unconstitutional as I find the laws enacting them to be unconstitutional. This proposed rule is just another assault on our freedoms and I am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. As Americans we believe first and foremost that our rights - key among them, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, are unalienable and come from our Creator (in my humble opinion, whomever or whatever you believe your Creator to be) and that the purpose of instituting Governments is to protect those rights. Establishment of our Constitutional Republic, establishment of our United States of America required the delineation of these rights - our Bill of Rights.

This rule specifically negates our First Amendment rights - Religion, Speech, Press, Peaceable Assembly and Petition Our Government.

In today's modern age, that includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, the right to criticize the Administration on Twitter, and the right to make political commentary on Facebook. The First Amendment applies to the digital arena, and the FEC needs to understand that basic point.

Comments provided by :
Hayes, Christy

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Wolter_Mary_01_14_2015_16_28_46_CommentText.txt

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Please update so we know who is giving money to our representatives.

Comments provided by :
Wolter, Mary

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Kosciuszko_Edward_01_14_2015_16_28_51_CommentText.txt

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I am against any new Federal regulation regarding the Internet. This is a classic example of "Big Brother" getting into areas of privacy that the Federal government should not be involved in.

Comments provided by :
Kosciuszko, Edward

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Comments provided by :
hendricks, judith

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Laurence_William_01_14_2015_16_29_12_CommentText.txt

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Free speech is one of the things this country was built on. Do not regulate the internet.

Comments provided by :
Laurence, William

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Foxworth_David_01_14_2015_16_29_20_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and I am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans, of all political points of view, understand what is at stake here that is our treasured First Amendment liberty.

Comments provided by :
Foxworth, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Paskoff_Edna_01_14_2015_16_29_38_CommentText.txt

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The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech. No agency, no office and no government has the right to limit it.

I oppose any attempt by the FEC to limit free speech, political or otherwise, on the internet, in news media, print media, public speech or any other method of communication.

If political candidates, or others trying to limit free speech, don't like what they hear, maybe they should think about another line of work (politicians), or another country in which to live.

Comments provided by :
Paskoff, Edna

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Comments provided by :
Lathrop, Norman

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Burns_Timothy_01_14_2015_16_30_20_CommentText.txt

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Save free speech on the internet. The broader Internet should be free from federal government control.
Let the current FEC guidelines Stand.

Comments provided by :
Burns, Timothy

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hatton_Lucas_01_14_2015_16_30_35_CommentText.txt

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Dear FEC,

As a result of Citizens United and McCutcheon, corporations and wealthy special interests hide behind front groups to keep "we the people" from knowing who's trying to influence our votes, and to make sure we won't know whom our elected officials will owe favors to after they take office. It's dishonest, and it's bad for our already fragile democracy.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Hatton, Lucas

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Hathaway, Melissa

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Watkins_Reynold_01_14_2015_16_30_55_CommentText.txt

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A healthy and thriving democracy requires transparency! Please do everything in your power to put an end to dark money.

Comments provided by :
Watkins, Reynold

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_McGeary_Joseph_01_14_2015_16_31_29_CommentText.txt

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This country was founded on the principle that all people have the right to freely express their opinion without fear of repercussions or censorship. Regulating free speech just because it is posted on the internet violates that principle. Once the government can regulate who says what, politicians will act to quell any speech they do not agree with (just as countries like China, North Korea, and Venezuela do). Do not allow this to happen.

Comments provided by :
McGeary, Joseph

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Kelly_J_01_14_2015_16_31_28_CommentText.txt

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Special interests are just that, and will only support their own agenda. We have gone backwards in the last forty years, return us to a government by and for the people. People should and will be suspicious when identities of donors are hidden it implies wrongdoing. In our elections the people have a right to know who our government is beholden. Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Kelly, J

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Aiello_Barbara__01_14_2015_16_31_24_CommentText.txt

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I oppose the FEC's proposed rule and demand the FEC keep the internet free.
The First Amendment gives us the right as Americans to voice our
opinions .The Administration and FEC must uphold the First
Amendment.

Comments provided by :
Aiello, Barbara

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Kimmell_Joanne_01_14_2015_16_31_31_CommentText.txt

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I believe that the government should Not have control over the internet service.

We are already taxed beyond belief for every service we have and this would add yet another burden to the people.

Comments provided by :
Kimmell, Joanne

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I firmly believe it is important to our democracy to know who or what group is financially supporting candidates for elected offices. I find it unacceptable not to know this information. I request that new rules are passed so that political contributors are disclosed, not hidden. Citizens have a right to know who and what individuals or groups are providing money for candidates.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed the public would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

I implore the Commission to make the necessary change so that the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy are strengthened and provide for full disclosure!

Comments provided by :
Ross, Mary

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Orr_Kevin_01_14_2015_16_32_20_CommentText.txt

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The very basis of the first amendment is to allow for the free expression of political speech. An argument to the contrary is pure stupidity. Without the ability to express the dissatisfaction with the political hacks that are now serving or will serve in the future, there is no point to a representative democracy.

Comments provided by :
Orr, Kevin

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Holleyman_Robert_01_14_2015_16_31_58_CommentText.txt

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Please keep freedom of speech alive! Freedom of speech will always offend someone but it's the only way each individual can stand up and be counted for what he or she believes! Without that there is no chance of growth within our world. Individual growth and awareness are the reasons why we are here. We must always have a platform whereby we can speak out, find we've made mistakes and then go forward in another direction. It's necessary for that growth.

Comments provided by :
Holleyman, Robert

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I urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information regarding the donors funding political ads. Groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money.

The Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Comments provided by :
Boisvert, Paul

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I realize that my elected representatives are bought and paid for by special interest individuals and groups with sufficient resources to make the purchase. I do not like that, but with Citizen's United, there is not much I can do other than try to amend it out of law. HOWEVER, I do strongly believe I have the right to know who owns my representatives!

Our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That?s simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy

Comments provided by :
Van Dame, Lesly

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Cary_Richard_01_14_2015_16_32_44_CommentText.txt

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The voters are entitled to full disclosure on campaign contributions!

Comments provided by :
Cary, Richard

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I oppose this proposed rule. I am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. President Truman once said in a speech to Congress, "Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear."
I hope the FEC will heed this advice and NOT regulate the Internet.

Comments provided by :
Bogdan, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Boschen_Bjorg_01_14_2015_16_32_55_CommentText.txt

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Please vote to keep the internet free!

Comments provided by :
Boschen, Bjorg

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The ads this money buys saturates the market. People see the ad repeatedly and research has proven that any information that we're exposed to repeatedly becomes BELIEF! That's how rewiring the brain works.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
risa, michele

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_McNamara_Joseph_01_14_2015_16_33_32_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all political points of view understand what's at stake here ? our treasured First Amendment liberties!

Comments provided by :
McNamara, Joseph

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Dear Commissioners,

Last year the California Legislature passed SB 27, a landmark bill to force Dark Money non-profits spending over \$50,000 to reveal their secret funders.

Unfortunately, there aren't yet similar Dark Money disclosure rules nationally, so last year hundreds of millions of dollars of Dark Money were spent in federal elections. In fact, the Brennan Center for Justice found that an appalling 71% of outside spending in support of the 10 winning candidates in the most highly-contested Senate races was paid for by groups that hide some or all of their donors. This is outrageous.

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections--drowning out the voices of real people. And while I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, it can still do something to mitigate the damage it has brought about. This can be done by bringing the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in the Citizens United Act itself. I therefore urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads.

As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Lowry, Pamela A.

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We require candidates to publicly take responsibility for campaign ads made on their behalf. We require public officials and judges to make their deliberations and decisions public. Why then do we allow anonymous donors to give undisclosed amounts of money to influence elections? They are spending the money to advance their own interests. We have a right to know who they are and what they spend where.

An American citizen has the right to vote and the duty to be well-informed about the candidates and policies that he or she is voting for. The donations from "dark money" impede this duty in at least two major ways. First, to evaluate information properly it is necessary to know its source. Even kids say, "consider the source." Second, allowing "dark money" to be spent by hidden interests is filling the public sphere with misinformation and disinformation meant to confuse voters and muddle the issues.

Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Hedin, Anne

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Miller_Charley_01_14_2015_16_34_10_CommentText.txt

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I wish to be informed about major contributors to political campaigns.

Comments provided by :
Miller, Charley

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Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Rosenblum, Stephen

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Please update and strengthen FEC rules on campaign financing, specifically regarding disclosure of campaign contributions, so that we can know whose contributions might be large enough to sway an election. It is important to preserve one of our founding principles, government of the people rather than government of the corporations. If We-the-People have access to information about which corporations made contributions of how much, we can reach some decision as to whom the candidate in question or the cause at issue will truly serve and accept or reject that candidate or cause. It is in your power to adjust the rules to fit the situation; they now do not. Please advance democracy by making that adjustment.

Comments provided by :
Dickson, Beejee

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Schneider, George

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Weatherman_D.W._Shorty_01_14_2015_16_35_16_CommentText.txt

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Stay Out of YouTube and the Internet!

Comments provided by :
Weatherman, D.W. Shorty

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It is called an "Electronic Public Square" and not a "Government Square" for a reason.
We the People, not the FEC, own the Public Square, and the FEC has no place in it.

There is also a reason why the framers of our Constitution made Freedom of Speech the very
First Amendment to the Constitution, so there could be no doubt as to it's place in the order of
importance.

You should keep that in mind before you attempt to violate our rights as free citizens and impose your
tyranny.

Comments provided by :
Greco, Raymond

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_McDougall_John_01_14_2015_16_35_17_CommentText.txt

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We all need to know who is buying media, partisan, political, incumbent, and challenger influence. Otherwise democracy and "one citizen/one vote" concepts are overridden by wealth. Buying votes and unreasonably biased media influence is unethical and should be clearly prohibited by the Constitution and law.

Comments provided by :
McDougall, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bort_Daniel_01_14_2015_16_35_27_CommentText.txt

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Since social scientists began studying how people react to messages, "speaking" in this country has changed from attempting to communicate to attempting to manipulate. To get beneath the surface of these manipulations to try to put them in perspective, it is vitally important to know who is trying to manipulate us.

Comments provided by :
Bort, Daniel

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I oppose this proposed rule, and I'm writing you to insist that the FEC keep the Internet free. the American Revolution was fought partly to reclaim the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government. Today that includes the right to criticize the administration on Twitter, the right to make political commentary on Facebook, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, and even the right to make political satire videos on YouTube. President Truman once said to Congress, "Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear." Recent policies and practices of several agencies and departments, especially the IRS, have already begun to take us that direction, but it's not too late to stop it. I hope the FEC will heed this advice, and the will of the people as expressed in the last election and NOT REGULATE THE INTERNET AT ALL!

Comments provided by :
Wells, Sue

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Dear Commissioners,

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections, drowning out the voices of average voters. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it wanted to. What the Commission can do, though, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Scarr, Robert

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Beauchamp, Robert

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Our Founding Fathers and Mothers created a unique experiment called democracy. I believe the true nature and power of democracy is being destroyed by monied groups buying our elected officials. I urge you to take powerful and immediate action to update the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

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Thank you for updating and strengthening the FEC's disclosure rules.

Comments provided by :
Wood, Christine

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Garneski_Jill_01_14_2015_16_36_35_CommentText.txt

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I demand the FEC stay far away from our internet and our right to free speech. The Obama Administration has no respect for the people and our Constitution. Day by day they are destroying our liberties. Stop the FEC and their unwelcome, unwanted and unwarranted control of our liberties today!

Comments provided by :
Garneski, Jill

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Our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities, which is unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Pearson, Craig and Melissa

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Gutjahr_Donald_01_14_2015_16_36_49_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and demand that the FEC keep the Internet free.
This attempt to stifle free speech and restrict our First Amendment rights should not stand.

Comments provided by :
Gutjahr, Donald

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Dear Commissioners,

The Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United unleashed a flood of corrupting special interest money into our elections-- drowning out the voices of average voters. I recognize that the Commission cannot overturn this decision, even if it wanted to. What the Commission can do, though, is bring the Commission's disclosure requirements into closer alignment with the Supreme Court's own expectation of full disclosure expressed in Citizens United.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise its disclosure rules to ensure the public receives full and complete information about the true donors funding political ads. This means that groups paying for these "independent expenditures" must disclose the real sources of the money they use to fund these campaign ads. As a federal court ruled recently, the Commission's electioneering communication disclosure rule is illegal because it creates an "easily exploited loophole that allows the true sponsors of advertisements to hide behind dubious and misleading names." The Commission must close the dark money loophole that it created-- and make good on the Citizens United Court's promise that the flood of special interest money it unleashed on our elections would be fully disclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Vossoughi, Siamak

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_pleier_bob_01_14_2015_16_37_27_CommentText.txt

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Bob Pleier

Comments provided by :

pleier, bob

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Kleber_Raymond_01_14_2015_16_37_55_CommentText.txt

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Sincerely,

Ray Kleber

Comments provided by :
Kleber, Raymond

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Heller_Frank__01_14_2015_16_37_53_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Heller, Frank

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Annecone_Robert_01_14_2015_16_38_33_CommentText.txt

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The FEC is one of the many government agencies established to protect THE PEOPLE of America from big businesses in search of profits. It should be making an effort to provide Americans with a government that is ".....of the people, by the people, and FOR THE PEOPLE," not big business. And when you've accomplished that, end the Electoral College and gerrymandering.

Comments provided by :
Annecone, Robert

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Trentacosta_John_01_14_2015_16_38_43_CommentText.txt

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Plain and simple.....if it's a Democracy we have a right to know. If we don't, we have no more democracy. In the past it was called Corruption. Now it's legal. You must rule in favor of the people.

Comments provided by :
Trentacosta, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Heres_Don_01_14_2015_16_38_39_CommentText.txt

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The First Ammendment should be the guide. Stay out of Social Media. Leave the internet alone and stop allowing the liberal agenda to take away our Rights.

Don Heres

Comments provided by :

Heres, Don

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It is no secret that the Internet may hold many many things that i find personally offensive but i do not believe that the design of it should lend it's hand to censorship. If we allow the government to put their hands on speech over the Internet, when then will they begin to do the same over the phone lines? I know that many terrible things are shared over the Internet everyday and although i do pay for the service i do not pay for the content nor does anyone else and being so, anything i decide to look at is on myself and only myself. I know that children use the Internet everyday for learning and entrainment and they, very easily, have the ability to stumble upon many inappropriate things. I believe that it is my duty as a parent to keep an eye on and raise them well enough to keep them away from things that i feel they shouldn't be seeing. Free speech is a right and much the same way the fore fathers did not foresee 30 round clips for rifles or the Internet i believe the constitution was written with enough foresight to allow for the changes in our current society.

Comments provided by :
Moffitt, James

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Becker_Elaine_01_14_2015_16_39_28_CommentText.txt

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If contributors are not required to disclose information, how do we know if foreign citizens and/or foreign corporations are interfering in American elections?

Comments provided by :
Becker, Elaine

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Dear Commissioners:

As you know there is an unbelievable amount of money floating around between monied special interests and candidates for public office. In fact, it has gotten to the point of threatening the fabric and the very existence of our democracy.

We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That?s simply unacceptable in any democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, hundreds of millions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that will lead to corruption.

Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Ehnle, Tom

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An uninformed electorate leads to strong possibilities of fraud, subterfuge and outright tyranny by corporations and the 0.1% of wealthiest Americans. The corporations might even be "American" in this transnational world.

Please bring back the true intentions of the Founders and writers of our Constitution. People are the only source of an electorate that lives, breathes and dies.

Comments provided by :
Hill, Leigh

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bain_Clifton_01_14_2015_16_40_06_CommentText.txt

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I am concerned that Citizen United and other legislative and judicial rulings have enhanced that influence of corporate and wealthy donors so significantly as to disenfranchise ordinary citizens. Please do all that can be done to make our elections and our democracy fair once again. In addition take all steps to insure that every citizen can easily register to vote and cast the vote without undue challenge.

Comments provided by :
Bain, Clifton

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Our democracy should NEVER be for sale! Is there any legislator, governor, judge, teacher, writer, or voter who would seriously and publicly claim otherwise? When it gets sold, it is no more; it ceases to exist. But when big-monied interests buy out our politicians, those who are elected to serve we the people, our democracy declines and we the people lose our voice. And when the buy-outs happen in secret, our democracy starts becoming a joke. I've voted my entire adult life; it's a precious right. But more and more, it appears that our votes do not stand for very much, because campaigns are being funded by undisclosed special monied interests. Our democracy these days might as well have a big FOR SALE sign on it. It is imperative that we hold on to democracy by demanding disclosure of all those persons and entities who contribute millions of dollars to politicians to buy their influence, to finance their self-serving initiatives, and to fight against causes that are in the public's best interest. Let's disclose these contributors and their PACS and superPACS! Let's revive our democracy and nourish it with openness and truth!

Comments provided by :
Hurst, Joy

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Johnson_Ronald_01_14_2015_16_40_11_CommentText.txt

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Why are we learning each day that our freedoms are being further eroded by the very people we elect to public office? I think it is because we elect people that appoint other people that push an agenda that is contrary to the core values of the main body of the electorate.

The press has abdicated its responsibility to vet the candidates thoroughly so the appointees are not people that can be trusted with our values of freedom.

Comments provided by :
Johnson, Ronald

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Our democracy is in danger of disappearing. Our elected officials, rather than being representative of their constituents, are becoming representative of the purse string holder's that foot their elections. From democracy of, for and by the people to a plutocracy.

You have the power and ability to greatly help in the salvage of our system.

We have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Comments provided by :
Parsley, Adina

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Comments provided by :
Ainsley, Brian

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hoelscher_Michael_01_14_2015_16_40_27_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Hoelscher, Michael

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Bishop_Linda_01_14_2015_16_41_26_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. As Americans, we enjoy the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government.

In today's modern age, that includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, the right to criticize our elected Administration on Twitter, and the right to make political commentary on Facebook.

The First Amendment applies also to the digital arena, and the FEC needs to understand that basic point and NOT try to regulate the internet.

This is America, the land of the FREE, and we wouldn't take kindly to further intrusions into our freedoms.

Comments provided by :
Bishop, Linda

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Liu_Heng_01_14_2015_16_41_36_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Liu, Heng

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America's strength has been its broad and protected individual rights, including free speech, association and conscience. It should not be limited or abridged except by necessity, emergency or immediate security.

Those in positions of political power (whether elected or appointed) should keep in mind that the American people hold these individual rights as dear, and that government interference with these fundamental rights is of concern to those who are informed and educated. We do not want an elite political class to decide what we can think or state in private or publicly.

I do not want government control of the internet, the press or the broadcast media. This includes standards of acceptance, commonality, or diversity, as this should not to be under the control of the FCC or other regulatory agencies.

Keeping in mind that abuse that is accepted today is precedent for countervailing changes in the future, if and when those who have other political views gain political power.

High handed political behavior should be resisted by the public and remembered, at least by those who are informed and aware of these dangers presented by the current administration.

Comments provided by :
Coffer, James

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Longstreet_Margaret_01_14_2015_16_42_12_CommentText.txt

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I am writing to keep the internet free from government interference. The internet has done well without the government and many people have prospered. We must keep the internet free in order to keep liberty alive in this country. Freedom of speech must remain a right in this country in order to maintain our liberty. Keeping the internet free helps the citizens of this country to have a voice.

Comments provided by :
Longstreet, Margaret

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Any attempt to tax the Internet will restrict free Speech violating our First Amend once again. Getting Rid of the IRS 16 Amendment is getting rid of SLAVERY. A Appropriate tax System, as I've mention Below, will provide a substantial revenue 100 times more efficient that the IRS. Most of the Structure for it Has been in existence for years State Sales tax. Read Below !!

All this fall into place if you get rid of the IRS ! To help mobilize more Americans to stop out-of-control federal spending in Washington, D.C. OPTION #2. REPEAL OBAMACARE. To help you mobilize American citizens to finally wipe ObamaCare off the books. OPTION #3. END UNCONSTITUTIONAL DOMESTIC SPYING. To help you mobilize American citizens to end the Obama NSA's spying on law-abiding American citizens. OPTION #4. LEAD THE CHARGE FOR LIBERTY With so much at stake, I believe it's absolutely critical we do everything it takes to restore liberty and limited government in America. Doctor Ron Paul I have studied these things all my life ! I filled out your ballot for attack on all fronts !! However are you aware that if we Repeal Amendment 16 IRS Income tax first, replacing it with a national sales tax 3% above 6.5% State tax= 9.5% Total, everything liberal's have been working from the Beginning of 1900's till now unravels at the seams. Its as if we are fighting the Goblin King in the Movie "Labyrinth" , and all we have to say is the, right words, in the last chapter of the book she is reading, that says,"You have no power over Me". Without the IRS these Liberal Agenda disappear in a Libertarian way of You, Your Sons, and my choosing. Especially Obama's Agenda ObamaCare AFA, Immigration Amnesty, EPA against Business, Operation Stranglehold over the Banking system, and Every last bit of his Communist Agenda COLLAPSES ON ITSELF!! ABSOLUTELY NONE OF THESE THINGS TEARING OUR COUNTRY APART SURVIVES WITHOUT THE IRS!! Everything is hinged to Amendment 16 the reintroduction of slavery of all people after Slavery of a few people was abolished in Amendment 14 ! With the Right Tax we pay back China \$18 Trillion in TWO years and rebuild all of our Infrastructure Highways, Bridges, and waterway Lock systems that are failing now.

Comments provided by :
Barclay, Lester

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
zelman, stephen

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Boyland_Joyce_Tang_01_14_2015_16_40_51_CommentText.txt

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We need to know who is funding campaigns. Please revise the funding-disclosure laws accordingly. Citizens United was a travesty of the "corporation as person" concept. Besides, even newspaper letter to the editor policy requires speakers to provide their identities before they engage in free speech, not hiding behind their organization.

Comments provided by :
Boyland, Joyce Tang

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Comments provided by :
Floyd, Herb

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Frazzini_Sue_01_14_2015_16_39_25_CommentText.txt

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I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free. There is bipartisan opposition to the FEC's proposed regulations to clamp down on the Internet. Americans of all political points of view understand what's at stake here?our treasured First Amendment liberties!

Comments provided by :
Frazzini, Sue

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Our republic and the democratic principles on which it was founded have been progressively undermined by the corrosive influence of money on our political process. With Americans' participation in elections at an all-time low and cynicism with regard to politicians and our political institutions at an all-time high, it is time for the FEC to stand up for democracy and insist on new regulations enhancing the disclosure requirements applying to so-called "dark money" in politics.

Comments provided by :
Talbot, Jacques

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Comments provided by :
Watson, Ora

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Dear Commissioners,

Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy and Antonin Scalia have underscored the essential requirement of full campaign disclosure in a campaign legal system in which the Court itself is increasingly permitting unlimited spending by corporations, labor Unions and independent groups, including 501 (c) (4) entities.

Writing the majority opinion in Citizens United, Justice Kennedy sanctioned unlimited spending by corporations and unions as an exercise of free speech, and then placed the full burden of protecting the integrity of American democracy from the corrupting influence of unlimited campaign spending on total transparency.

?With the advance of the Internet,? Kennedy wrote, ?prompt disclosure of expenditures can provide (corporate) shareholders and citizens with the information needed to hold corporations and elected officials accountable.?

But as members of the FEC know better than anyone, we do not have in place the kind of full disclosure system that Justice Kennedy envisioned. We have campaigns increasingly flooded by dark money - contrary to Justice Kennedy's premise that a fully informed electorate is the best protection against the corruption of American democracy.

We, the voters, now need what Justice Kennedy called for - a system of full disclosure of all campaign spending so that we can know, in a timely fashion, before voting, who is funding and standing behind which candidates, which parties, and which ballot issues. Full Disclosure on issue spending is as important as candidate spending.

As a long-time and regular voter, I ask that the FEC adopt new rules that require all groups or individuals, including Super PACs, and 501 (c)(4) social welfare organizations who spend any money- not just those groups or individuals whose declared "major purpose" is political action - but all group and entities that spend more than \$5,000 for TV ads, radio Ads, print material, online ads, voter registration, Get Out the Vote drives, campaign organizing, any election-related activity during six months before a general election) and especially on any activities defined under law as "electioneering communications" and "independent expenditures" to disclose to the FEC in detail all their expenditures and all of their donors over \$1,000 within 72 hours of any kind of campaign spending or spending commitments (such as reserving TV, print, radio or online ad time or space or contracting for mailers or phone banks) and for the FEC to fully disclose that information online to the public within 24 hours of receiving reports from the groups spending the money."

It is time now to close massive loopholes in disclosure rules and to connect the federal election legal system to the logic of the supreme Court. In Citizens United, the high court was inviting the Congress and the Federal Election Commission to pass and administer laws to insure full disclosure of political spending - not just by candidates but by anyone seeking to influence an election campaign.

Please, the FEC must act in the interest of voters - not parties or donors - and adopt rules for full disclosure of all election-related spending.

Thank you,
Hedrick Smith

Comments provided by :
smith, hedrick

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Halverson_keith_01_14_2015_16_44_19_CommentText.txt

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I think free speech is our right and should NOT be fringed upon

Comments provided by :
Halverson, keith

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Carbon_Max_01_14_2015_16_44_21_CommentText.txt

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Comments provided by :
Carbon, Max

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Thompson_Craig_01_14_2015_16_43_54_CommentText.txt

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I oppose any efforts by any governmental unit(especially unelected) to control usage and content of the Internet.

Comments provided by :
Thompson, Craig

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Burnham_Rachel_01_14_2015_16_44_21_CommentText.txt

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We deserve to know who is paying for our elected officials. We know at this stage of the game that officials are bought and paid for by big money and if that isn't bad enough that, that was allowed to happen under Citizens United the very least that can be done is to have some transparency with who is spending it. If there isn't any shame in buying the votes than there should not be any problem with following the money

Comments provided by :
Burnham, Rachel

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Duncanson_Shirley_01_14_2015_16_43_54_CommentText.txt

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I am concerned about the money which is polluting our political system. Without knowing who is funding the barrage of campaign ads, as well as issue ads, we are left with a false understanding of motive. As you update FEC's rules, please strengthen rules related to disclosure of who is funding the ads which divide and polarize this nation.

Comments provided by :
Duncanson, Shirley

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Miller_Gregg_01_14_2015_16_44_16_CommentText.txt

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Even today we have the finest politicians and government that money can buy. I don't believe our forefathers ever dreamed of such a bastardization of our freedoms and our election process.

How does my one vote count when you have millions of dollars soiling the election process?

This is disgusting the way we have been manipulated and how the SCOTUS is so pantently conservative.

Who represents the real Americans?

ALL money sources should be disclosed, period. Anything over \$100...

Regards,
Gregg Miller

Comments provided by :
Miller, Gregg

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Please do not consider this proposed rule. The Internet must be kept free. As each of our freedoms are silenced under the title of security or fairness, our rights are further eroded. As each new American generation grows to accept a new concession, they believe it is only a "small loss" and will be worth it based upon face value statements. Consequences of changes do not seem to be considered and often do not become apparent until the small loss has become a large loss. Several generations that each lose small amounts of freedom eventually result in a large deterioration of freedom. Not only can this be predicted, but it has been proven time and again throughout history. No matter what side of the aisle you stand, silencing our voice (internet or otherwise) will "and can only" result in further repressive control. Republican or Democrat, this can only be a bad thing in the long run. Please consider the consequences of your actions and do not allow this proposed rule to be adopted. Do not regulate the internet.

Comments provided by :
Panchyshyn, Michael

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Allor_THOMAS_01_14_2015_16_45_23_CommentText.txt

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Please do not let the Federal Govt limit the internet or you tube

Comments provided by :
Allor, THOMAS

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Strickland_Danny_01_14_2015_16_45_05_CommentText.txt

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I would like the federal government to leave the internet alone. We have the right to free speech and we should have it!

Comments provided by :
Strickland, Danny

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_mohs_jim_01_14_2015_16_45_37_CommentText.txt

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the internet needs to remain a medium for free speech, with access to all. with all the agencies monitoring the internet , it will be self regulating as due to the free market rules , where out of the mainstream rants will be disregarded and checked on by one of the many agencies monitoring it will check out the source of foolish words or internet sites. like the free market system , the internet if left to free market rules will regulate itself.

Comments provided by :
mohs, jim

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Willis_Gracia_01_14_2015_16_45_04_CommentText.txt

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According to the Constitution, there is to be no abridgment of free speech. Allowing the government to say what people can say or not say is not free speech by any stretch of the imagination. Restricting free speech when it comes to the voting process is not only unconstitutional, but morally wrong when you prevent people from sharing their point of view on any issue.

Comments provided by :
Willis, Gracia

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Dear sirs:

I'm urging you to establish the strongest possible disclosure regulations on campaign contributions. The will of the people is being thwarted by a flood of corporate and wealthy donors contributions. If these entities are stopped from contributing in secret, the public will be aware of there obscenely undo influence. The people will be able to hold them accountable as well as the polititians receiving their largess. We need strong disclosure laws because otherwise politicians and policy makers will continue to be corrupted by these massive corporate and plutocratic contributions.

From a fellow citizen,

John J McKee

Comments provided by :
McKee, John

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Andersen_James_01_14_2015_16_46_03_CommentText.txt

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Liberals want only their point of veiwl to be seen or heard. So much for their purported tolerance.

Comments provided by :
Andersen, James

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Brandt_V_01_14_2015_16_46_14_CommentText.txt

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Our existing system makes it easy for large donors to hide their identities. Given the influence of money in politics, this is an unconscionable situation--especially for a self-proclaimed democracy. Please enact rules to bring "dark money" into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads and campaigns.

Please strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules.

Comments provided by :
Brandt, V

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Last year you and more than 40,000 others who signed petitions and made calls helped pass SB 27, the landmark California bill to force Dark Money non-profits to reveal their secret funders. Thanks to its passage, any non-profit spending \$50,000 or more on California elections now has to reveal their secret funders.

Unfortunately, there aren't yet similar Dark Money disclosure rules nationally, so last year hundreds of millions of dollars of Dark Money were spent in federal elections. In fact, the Brennan Center for Justice found that an appalling 71% of outside spending in support of the 10 winning candidates in the most highly-contested Senate races was paid for by groups that hide some or all of their donors. Our democracy is in danger.

Dark money is acid to our democracy, the sources must be disclosed.

Comments provided by :
Haupt, Jeremy

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Comments provided by :
THIELER, DAVID

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Sabin_Alberta_01_14_2015_16_46_56_CommentText.txt

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When it comes to politics there should be know hidden agenda. We as citizens have a right to know who is spending money to promote their own agenda or special interest. I don't want big corporations making decisions for me.

Comments provided by :
Sabin, Alberta

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The FEC is now asking for public comment about disclosure -- Please give it to them!
The new chair of the FEC, Ann Ravel, is a leader on disclosure -- she was the one who originally pushed for SB 27 when she was chair of California's Fair Political Practices Commission. The FEC is now asking for public comments on disclosure. We need to back up Chair Ravel by showing how many people demand it.

Click here to provide your comment to the FEC asking for more disclosure now!

Here's a draft comment you can use (thanks to the Campaign Legal Center for this language), but the more of your own words you use for why we need more disclosure, the better! It wouldn't hurt to explicitly mention how the FEC should follow California's lead.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this proceeding.

Comments provided by :
Hart, Scott

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Smith_Willard_01_14_2015_16_48_13_CommentText.txt

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Please don't tamper with something that works fine! We enjoy freedom of speach! If it is tampered with our freedom is compromised!

Comments provided by :
Smith, Willard

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Holden_Don_01_14_2015_16_48_15_CommentText.txt

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The government should not make rules to regulate the internet. Keep the government out!

Comments provided by :
Holden, Don

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I oppose the proposed rule to further shut down free speech on the internet, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the internet free.

One of our former presidents said, "Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear." I hope the FEC will heed this advice and NOT regulate the Internet. Keep the government's hands off the internet!

Comments provided by :
Reinert, Elaine

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_hickman_jay_01_14_2015_16_48_39_CommentText.txt

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Citizens of the United States have a right to understand the origin of all money impacting the outcome of elections for America's elected leaders. Please do all you can to keep "dark money" out of the American political process.

Comments provided by :
hickman, jay

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If we cannot have transparency about who is funding elections and making our elected officials accountable to them, we may as well shut the door, turn out the lights and close the USA.

It is unconscionable to think that it is legal in the US to accept campaign contributions and not disclose the source. Funding a campaign indicates that you agree with the ideology on which the candidate is running and expect the candidate to adhere to those ideals/platforms if elected. It follows that if a candidate is well funded and elected, that candidate is expected to exert influence for those ideals and resist ideas which go against those ideals. When it's in the best interest of the donors and candidates that nobody knows where the money came from, it shows there is something to hide. When it's in the best interest of candidates that voters don't know how they were funded, it's because they don't want voters to know that their influence as an elected official is for sale to the highest bidder.

Money for influence is an old idea, and it has a name - corruption. STOP CORRUPTION IN UNITED STATES ELECTIONS by supporting the DISCLOSE Act and taking the power of dark money out of elections and government. The FEC has to act on behalf of the citizens, the voters, of the USA, not the money from special interests.

Do the right thing!

Sincerely,
Diane Talbot
Londonderry, New Hampshire

Comments provided by :
Talbot, Diane

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Palmer_Judith_01_14_2015_16_48_48_CommentText.txt

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Do not allow this regulation to restrict free speech on the internet!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
Palmer, Judith

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_White_Laura_01_14_2015_16_49_14_CommentText.txt

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We deserve to know who is funding the elections!

Comments provided by :
White, Laura

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Williamson_Don_01_14_2015_16_49_07_CommentText.txt

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In our democracy, how could we Ever accept that the rich 1% speak for our entire remaining 99%? And we send our kids to go to war with the Middle East countries and others with similar overruling countries that do this? Our country is already divided, but how much more are we expected to just lay down and accept without rebellion...

Comments provided by :
Williamson, Don

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Obermiller_Joe_01_14_2015_16_41_11_CommentText.txt

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Regulating free speech on the internet is wrong and should not be done.

Comments provided by :
Obermiller, Joe

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Jenkins_Barry_01_14_2015_16_49_50_CommentText.txt

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free speach weather online or in person should never be taken away from the American people!

Comments provided by :
Jenkins, Barry

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Zurbuch_Keith_01_14_2015_16_50_35_CommentText.txt

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SIMPLE....no need for government intrusion into people's internet postings.
This is America, land of the FREE. There isn't any reason to monitor or
regulate "political commentary", on the internet. You tube and blogger
sites all have their own rules set up. This push needs to be put to rest.

Thank You
Keith Z.

Comments provided by :
Zurbuch, Keith

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It is unacceptable in a functioning democracy for politicians' campaign advertisements to be funded by unknown donors, so that voters don't know who the potential politicians are beholden to.

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court assumed we would know who is trying to influence our decisions on Election Day ? and who is buying attention from our elected officials. But since that decision five years ago, billions of dollars from secret sources have been spent in ways that has already led to corruption - studies have shown that only large corporations' and billionaires' concerns have been addressed in recent congresses.

To protect our democracy, please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to ensure that the public has timely on-line accounting of who is really behind large and/or bundled campaign contributions -- not just a fake organization name created for the purpose of looking good.

Comments provided by :
Gremban, Ronald

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Beeler_Edward_01_14_2015_16_51_51_CommentText.txt

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With election participation at an all time low, I think it is imperative that we make all elections as transparent and fair as possible. Dark money has no place in our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Beeler, Edward

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Houser_Ben_01_14_2015_16_51_53_CommentText.txt

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Please keep your already soiled hands off the internet.

Comments provided by :
Houser, Ben

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Sarno_Geri_01_14_2015_16_52_33_CommentText.txt

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Corporations and wealthy people DO NOT DESERVE more representation in the United States. The US is a country of the people, by the people and FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT CORPORATIONS.

Comments provided by :
Sarno, Geri

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Childs_David_01_14_2015_16_53_21_CommentText.txt

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Dark political contributions have obviously had a considerable influence on elections, and we'd like to know who these people or entities are. Please reveal them for us.

Comments provided by :
Childs, David

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Comments provided by :
Aronson, Reevyn

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Knittel_Richard_01_14_2015_16_53_05_CommentText.txt

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The Supreme Court decision in Citizens United is the most corrupting decision ever made by any court in US history. In a real democracy the people have a right to know who is buying their politicians. Please strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy and to reveal who has bought our politicians. At least provide a pretense of democracy.

Comments provided by :
Knittel, Richard

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Comments provided by :
Borboa, Pete

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Please update and strengthen the FEC?s disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Drucker, Marla

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose this proposed rule, and am writing to demand that the FEC keep the Internet free.

As Americans, we enjoy the right to freedom of speech and the freedom to petition our government.

In today's modern age, that includes the right to make political satire videos on YouTube, the right to assemble and form 501c groups, the right to criticize the Administration on Twitter, and the right to make political commentary on Facebook. The First Amendment applies to the digital arena, and the FEC needs to understand that basic point.

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DON'T TREAD ON ME.

Debbie Taylor

Comments provided by :

Taylor, Debbie

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Morrison_Michael_01_14_2015_16_55_59_CommentText.txt

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I am appalled by all the changes resulting from the Citizens United ruling and other rulings which expand the possibilities from extravagant donations, and with less and less accountability and transparency. All of those conditions are an extreme threat to democratic elections.

Comments provided by :
Morrison, Michael

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Please give us our constitutional rights to freedom to speak my own opinion as others may speak their own. Please do not interfere with the constitution which has been fair and just in all the years that it has been created. It defies dictatorship and the take over of this country by foreign countries. The constitution is fair and equitable for all human races and ethnicity. This country was created under God, The Great I am. Even though there is separation of government and religion the men who created the constitution were mostly men of God.

Comments provided by :
Maupin, Diane

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I oppose the FEC's proposed rule. This is an issue that is opposed across the political spectrum. This is a blatant attempt by this administration to control free political speech. The Internet is the one place that people on all sides of an issue can express their thoughts freely. The Internet is the town square of the 21st century and should not be under the control of any beauracrats. Free speech is not something that should depend on what party is in control. I have never seen in any period of my life (68 years) our freedoms being under attack more than they are right now, and to me your proposed rule is the most dangerous of all the attacks.

Gary L. Campbell

Comments provided by :
Campbell, Gary

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Comments provided by :
Sacher, Catherine

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Roth_Titus_01_14_2015_16_56_44_CommentText.txt

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Limit the stranglehold on free speech, guaranteed by the first amendment. Do not make this unconstitutional rule.

Comments provided by :
Roth, Titus

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Hochman_Bernard_01_14_2015_16_57_21_CommentText.txt

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LET CITIZENS UNITED ALLOW FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF POLITICAL DONORS SO THAT THE
SYSTEM HAS THE TRANSPARANCY THAT IT NEEDS TO INSURE CONFIDENCE IN OUR
DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

Comments provided by :
Hochman, Bernard

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I am a naturalized citizen and have been so for 60 years. When I pledged allegiance to the USA, I meant it in the belief that the system of representation here was real and actual, and that the people nominated were going to represent me. Now, it seems that with all the money going into campaigns the people nominated may be beholden to the source of all that money....perhaps getting in the way of their representing me and my vote.

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Comments provided by :
sadoux, marc

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Corporations and wealthy special interests hide behind front groups to keep us from knowing who's trying to influence our votes, and to make sure we won't know whom our elected officials will owe favors to after they take office. It's dishonest, and it's bad for our democracy.

In the five years since Citizens United, Senate Republicans have repeatedly filibustered the DISCLOSE Act which would shine a light on secret spending. The FEC has the right and the responsibility to do what it can ? and if we all speak out, it'll know that the pressure is on.

If dark money groups try to challenge new disclosure rules in court, the FEC will have my comments to show the court why transparency in political spending is important to me and how critical it is to a democracy of, by, and for the people.

Comments provided by :
Aronson, Reevyn

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Comments provided by :
Bredda, Marina

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_huffman_david_01_14_2015_16_59_24_CommentText.txt

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government intrusion of personal conversation is wrong wheather by phone or blog or facebook.

Comments provided by :
huffman, david

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The internet has been free for all people throughout the world to use thus far When any form of government tries to take over the internet or any other organization it puts restrictive and any times unnecessary control on that item and eventually has power over the decision making ie: on how it should function, who can make changes and eventually will come up with the idea of whatever is sanctioned by the "all controlling government."This is just another ploy to take over peoples lives just like "Obama Care" is doing presently and you see how that is NOT working and costing untold millions of people a great deal of money to pay for a more broken health care system and NOW YOU WANT TO TRY TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE INTERNET WHICH IN THE LONG RUN WILL TAKE AWAY PEOPLES FREE SPEECH AND THOUGHTS! IT IS TIME THAT OUR GOVERNMENT KEEPS ITS "MEDDLING HANDS" OFF SOMETHING THAT HAS WORKED VERY EFFECTIVELY FOR SO LONG. Otherwise the internet will be curtailed from viewers; as eventually "people will have to conform to your standards" just as every thing else that the government has touched. By the way just what is correctly working presently that our government has touched? Like, Veterns Affairs leaving people die due to some bureaucratic agency making many wrong decisions and sweeping the bad decisions under the table for years! Soon someone from our government will be telling us what to view, how to think and try to further control us like the governments of China or North Korea, Iran, etc? Sooner or later some government agency will attempt to brain wash its people by electing for them their programs as to what to watch as it always comes down to the "elites deciding and telling the masses how to live! Who's idea was this to control the internet by the government? I know it was a socialistic, leftist leaning and controlling person who cannot even work with others of different political parties and now wants do away with another freedom of the people across the world! Remember the phrase, "we are from the government and we are again here to help you!

Comments provided by :
Sherrer, David

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Richard_Sr_Richard_01_14_2015_16_59_31_CommentText.txt

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The left continues to attack our 1st Amendment rights. Because they know that their deadliest enemy is the truth. This would be tragic if they are allowed to impose limitations on our use of the internet to protect their ideology from the exposure to the people.

Comments provided by :
Richard Sr, Richard

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Please update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :

Hersch, Steve

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I believe that one of the core principles of democracy is "one person, one vote" and, where money allows some voices to be more equal than others, it is especially important that voters have the right to know to whom their elected officials are beholden. Unfortunately, our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. These "dark money contributors" leave voters in the dark. Please enact new rules to bring all donors into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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We're counting on you to update and strengthen the FEC's disclosure rules to protect our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Goodman, Leslee

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Vaughan_Michael_01_14_2015_16_58_59_CommentText.txt

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This is a "FREE" country and as such we have the right to make comments and post those comments on line as we want. To restrict that right makes us more of a "socialist" country which we are not. It appears you want to keep information from being posted on the Internet which you might not approve Therefore trying to sensor what a person can say. That is NOT what made this country strong! Please DO NOT RESTRICT comments on the Internet.

Thank you! Michael V

Comments provided by :

Vaughan, Michael

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I'm writing to request disclosure of political contributors -- names of givers, recipients and amounts. As Common Cause speaks for many of us: we have a right to know to whom elected officials are beholden, but our current system allows many political spenders to hide their true identities. That's simply unacceptable in a democracy. Please enact new rules to bring dark money political spenders out into the open and disclose the true identities of those who bankroll political ads.

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Comments provided by :
Bicknell, Judy

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Comments provided by :
Manning, Patrick

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_King_Dan_01_14_2015_17_00_20_CommentText.txt

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Freedom of speech is an individual right of expression. It was never meant to be an act of secrecy. The Founding Fathers put their names on the Declaration of Independence. Our Nation has always respected those who speak out. While organizations like the Ku Klux Klan have often had power and fear, rarely have they had the respect of the majority. We should never be a Nation run or controlled by the interests of those who use secrecy to exert power; that has never been the intent of our Constitution.

Comments provided by :
King, Dan

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Saben_Marsha_01_14_2015_17_00_17_CommentText.txt

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I believe it is important to have transparency in government. We should not be allowing rules that provide ways to hide who provides funding to bend the rules or the amount spent. I am tired of people thinking they can do so because they have money and power!

Comments provided by :
Saben, Marsha

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Attachment: REG_2014_01_Jameson_Peter_01_14_2015_17_00_40_CommentText.txt

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Gentlemen:

I do not support any regulation of the internet. It represents a free and open forum for citizens to discuss and explore ideas, candidates and solutions to problems among other things.

To regulate such a free exchange of ideas violates our right to free speech, given to us by God and enumerated in our Constitution of the United States of America.

We have enough regulations, enact this one at your peril. Everyone of you should be fired if you pursue this action. Frankly I cannot believe the notion of a regulated internet is even considered.

Comments provided by :
Jameson, Peter

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I believe that any individual or group that supports a political candidate or issue must identify themselves and identify the source of their finances.

We, the citizens of this country, are entitled to know this disclosure information before allowing their message to be disseminated to the public. Too often in recent elections have improper and illegal misinformation been transmitted to the public without the proper safeguards and responsibility assigned, thus causing the polarization of our society by those not working for the people or our society, but their own views and agendas.

By not requiring the source of this dark money and anonymous political voices, the voting public has no way to filter the message and identify the real source speaking.

The FEC has the opportunity and obligation to close this catastrophic hole in keeping the public informed so they can vote for candidates based on true knowledge.

Comments provided by :
Bodkin, James

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Alan Phillips
Santa Rosa, CA

Comments provided by :
Phillips, Alan

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