

Please write your comment here.The law of this land is the constitution. Without it the country will fail; and following that the world will be in chaos. Freedom will rule, but chaos only leaves destruction behind! I hope your common sense is intact!

Comments provided by :
Abraham, Roger

The public has a right to know who is behind online ads--in real time.

Ads should have online disclaimers--in real time.

Transparency is key. And rules should be appropriate for contemporary communication and advertising, including online--in real time.

Everyday we see and experience the poor results of leaving important decisions affecting our common interests, up to private actors, acting voluntarily. The common interest is usually forgotten in rush for private profits.

The FEC must provide enforceable regulations in these matters of ads and communications.

Comments provided by :
Adamo, Lou

Online speech should be protected - do not limit it in ANY way !

Comments provided by :
Adelstein, Bill

Please ensure free speech for all.e write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
Alcon, Clarence

Please protect the constitution!

Comments provided by :
Alemdar, Kay

Please seriously consider the price of taking any freedom from any American.

If my voice can be silenced today, yours can be silenced tomorrow. The pendulum always swings both ways. Protect your childrens freedom tomorrow by protecting my freedom today.

Comments provided by :

Alger, Jerry

Please write your comment here.

Please protect my free speech on line from the radical left

nut jobs who are trying to shut down the conservative side of this country from speaking. They have gone to far already & the American people are getting tired of it.

Comments provided by :

Allan, Norma

I am urging you in the strongest terms to protect my rights of free speech online.

Thank you

Comments provided by :
Allen, Shirlene

Please protect my rights. My 1st amendment rights is very important to me and everyone else, so please protect it.

Comments provided by :
Anderson, Craig

Please Protect Our Free Speech.

Comments provided by :
Anderson-Wollum, Marie

Please defend the constitutional right of free speech in all its ways inclusive Online.

Evil does not pay well to no body, gold and silver no body can take with them to the eternity. Instead good acts will count!!!

Comments provided by :

Aponte, Luis

Th FCC should not be a regulator of speech, online or off.

Comments provided by :
Arnett, Darrell

Please ensure our constitutional right to free speech is protected including on line. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Asche, Robert

The First Amendment says that all speech is protected, whether online or not! So just do it!

Comments provided by :
Atkins, Claude

We deserve to know who is paying for ads on sites like Facebook and Twitter, with online disclaimers, in real time. Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Please make sure revised transparency rules reflect how we communicate and see ads in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Comments provided by :
Auer, Patricia

NO NEW REGULATIONS ON OUR ON LINE SPEECH! CLEAR ENOUGH!

Comments provided by :
Avent, Gene

Please write your comment here.please protect our freedom of speech online and everywhere. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
awillcoxon, Sharol

Protect the constitution and it's amendments. Specifically Amendments 1 through 5. My votes are always guided by consistent politician's who insist on these items. I pay attention to all of you and cast votes accordingly.

Comments provided by :
azbill, ralph

Protect our online free speech.

Comments provided by :
Bacon, Twyla

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Comments provided by :

badger, shawnee

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information.

Yet our outdated transparency rules ? which still include references to telegrams and typewriters ? don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads.

More than three in four Americans ? 78 percent ? want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms (according to a new Marist poll).

That includes 80 percent of Republicans and 82 percent of Independents.

I call on the FEC to act immediately to update regulations and require online political ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them.

Comments provided by :
badger, shawnee

Protect free speech for all...not just for liberals. We need to protect the exchange of ideas, not the suppression of them, and we need to encourage exposure to ideas that aren't just 'progressive' on college campuses.

Comments provided by :
Baker, Barbara

Please protect our freedom of speech for all, especially the media.

Comments provided by :
Barber, Lydia

Do not take away free speech under any circumstance. Whether it is internet, church, in print, etc. These are our rights. Being politically correct is doing harm. Let us speak our thoughts.

Comments provided by :
Barham, William

O here again trying to protect our rights and this is you need to protect free speech online. Tired of having to ask protection from our rights.

Comments provided by :
barlow, Arlene

please allow americans to use their prerogative to use free speech for all good pursuits not evil or filthy language that the democrats use against life affirming jews and christians.

Comments provided by :
basarab, yvonne

Our forefathers fought and gave their lives for the rights we have today, freedom of speech is one and a very important one! I don't agree with a lot of people's viewpoints but, just because I don't agree doesn't mean I have the right to shut them down or vice versa! Stop trying to take away the right of free speech online or elsewhere!

Comments provided by :
Basinger, Meredith

Please write your comment here. free speech must be protected at all costs. Removing this right removes a major tenet of democracy.

Comments provided by :
Battin, Angie

I strongly believe that online political advertisements should indicate who paid for the ad, just as has been the case with other media (newspaper, tv, radio) for many years. With more and more advertising moving to internet/mobile, it is no less useful (and probably more useful, with increased ability to micro-target ads) for a viewer to know who is trying to influence their political choices through advertising.

While online platforms have indicated that they are looking at voluntarily providing some information about the source of political ads on their services, we really need the FEC to provide a set of ground rules and minimum standards that we can expect from such disclosures, and to set penalties if the rules aren't adhered to.

Comments provided by :
Baumhauer, Richard

Protecting free speech is not only the first amendment, which should be first and foremost before trying to limit it by any means of media to include the internet. It is one way of connecting, informing and expressing opinions. Just as with main stream media if you do not want to listen or read it then don't, if you do do. Not everyone is ignorant and needs control over what they choose to read, listen or watch.

Comments provided by :
Beckmann, Barbara

I would ask you protect online free speech. This relates to all ideologies, conservative, liberal or in between. No one's speech is inferior or superior. We all have a right to voice our opinions on anything legal. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Beemer, Chris

Of course we need to know who is behind political ads. We have to know if it's a foreign government, or an agent who would be against our best interests.

Comments provided by :
Behrens, Robbie

Free speech is a constitutional right and NEEDS to be protected!

Comments provided by :
Bell, Paul

Please consider very carefully what you might sign on to regarding speech and online accessibility. Please protect our constitutional rights.

Comments provided by :
Berg, Mary

freedom of speech includes the internet. Protect the 1st Amendment

Comments provided by :
Bergo, Mark

FCC, you are under constitution and work for "We the People". You can not take away our free speech or edit it. If you do, this is treason and due penalties will be forthcoming. No one can take America's free speech away, period. end discussion.

Comments provided by :
Berlinski, St.

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Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Otherwise, our elections will be tainted as they were in 2016.

Comments provided by :

Berman, Hollie

Protect online speech.

Comments provided by :
Best, Jim

I'll keep it brief. I do support the idea of the FEC enforcing yhe idea that ther should be transparency in where ads, especially political ones come from and who has financed them.

Although the big tech firms pled that they would self regulate. It is better that the FEC establish the baseline needed and let the companies build upon that.

Comments provided by :
Bethell, Roger

Please protect my first amendment right to free speech in all forms, including online.
As a concerned citizen, I urge you to stop any action that goes against my right to free speech.

Comments provided by :
Bettger, Jennifer

Freedom of speech is our most important constitutional right. Protect it at all costs.

Comments provided by :
Biedermann, Martin

Please leave the Internet alone. It's the last bastion of free speech we have. I know you need something to do so go help BUILD THE WALL!!!

Comments provided by :
Biegel, Stuart

Asking that you continue observe our constitutional rights in regard in protecting free speech online.

Comments provided by :

Billings, Gary

Please protect my Constitutional right to free speech online, now.

Comments provided by :
Bills, Judy

Please stand up for our country and our constitution. Freedom of speech is just one of the rights that some organizations are currently attacking. Since the inauguration of Barack Obama our country has lost its way and its now time to find it again. Please take a stand that we might once again be America and not some banana republic propagated mainly by the those who want to destroy the last truly free nation on earth. Remember this-YOU won't be part of the ruling class any more than I will if it goes down.

Comments provided by :
Bingham, Jim

Please write your comment here.1st amendment always

Comments provided by :
bisek, james

We need full disclosure about who is buying online ads in order to identify and weed out attempts by entities outside of the US to influence our elections.

Comments provided by :
Blackwood, Bridget

It's horrendous how a foreign power meddled in our election and stuck America with a corrupt president. I want to know who is funding our elections so this can never happen again. All Americans deserve to know.

Comments provided by :
Bogan, Donna

It is imperative in my opinion that online free speech be protected. It is a very sad state of affairs when the Constitution continues to be ignored. Thanks for your time.

Comments provided by :
bos, Jim

Free speech is very important online, because it is too easy to silence people by physically threatening them!
It is much harder to silence free speech online!

Do NOT threaten online speech.

Comments provided by :
Bowling, William

With all the advertising on Facebook I believe it is appropriate for us to know who is paying for said advertising. Should be the same as magazines, radio any public outlet. They have a captive audience so to speak, so allow us to know who is funding them.

Comments provided by :
Bradshaw, Lael

Free speech is the cornerstone of freedom. It is the right of all citizens in all situations, including on the internet. Please assure that free speech is never denied to any citizen, no matter what the situation.

Comments provided by :
Brandt, Steve

All speech that doesn't directly endanger another is free speech and therefore we no no additional regulations.

Comments provided by :
Brodkin, Christopher

Please preserve our right to free speech as guaranteed by our constitution. Respectfully, Richard Brophy

Comments provided by :
Brophy, Richard

Protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Brosnan, Edward

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Comments provided by :

Burns, Bruce

Please preserve our freedom of speech on the internet!!
Our Constitution is still the Law of the Land!!!

Comments provided by :
Bush, Dolores

-protect online free speech right now.
Stop this attack on "Free Speech Online"

Comments provided by :
Butcher, John

Please protect online free speech. Any new regulations would ultimately work to silence my voice and undermine my constitutional rights.

Comments provided by :
Caldwell, David

Please write your comment here.can you please take care of this
thank you

Comments provided by :
Calles, Carlos

I urge you to PROTECT FREE SPEECH ONLINE!

Thank you,
Howard Cannon
Chesterfield, Va 23838

Comments provided by :
CANNON, HOWARD

Please protect my free speech rights. Conservatives and Christian's have a right to be heard in the market place. Stop attempts to silence conservative voices please.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Capron, David

Please keep free speech in all forums. Government has no role in silencing speech, nor inhibiting free assembly, even online. See, First Amendment, United States Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Carman, Maureen

Please respect my free speech by internet rights.

Comments provided by :
Carranza, Sandra

All attempts to regulate the type of speech, whether spoken or written, is an attack of the most fundamental sort against the first amendment of our constitution. Amendments that the founding fathers of our country deemed necessary to preserve our way of life and freedom. I urge you to not regulate the content that can be posted on the internet. "Fake News" is only fake to those who disagree with the positions taken. Falsehoods can be annoying, but it can be determined whether truth exists in them or not, and bureaucracy should not be the determiner as to whether it can be disseminated or not.

Comments provided by :
Carter, Michael

Protect Free Speech Online too!

Comments provided by :
Cash, T

Please is hard to believe we even have to ask not to muffle the free speech of American citizens, but please protect our right to speak out on any and every issue we believe in.

Comments provided by :
Cassidy, Patrick

the conservative speakers have the same constitutional rights as the lefty. young people needs to have assess to both sides so they can make the right judgement.

Comments provided by :
Catalan, Irma

Please do not silence the persons that vote for you...

Comments provided by :
Catasus, Cristina

Why are trying to undermine our constitutional rights and silence our conservative voice! Thats why theyre pressuring the FEC to regulate your speech online.

Comments provided by :
Chadic, Gary

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Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Please create regulations that will prevent our system from being secretly influenced by foreigners or foreign governments.

Comments provided by :
Chaika, David

Please write your comment here.no stopping free speech we the people will not be silenced like our forefathers of revolutionary war we shall seek tp keep our rights how we achieve this is up to the ones who try to take our rights away
marine vet vietnam combat vet semper fi god bless america

Comments provided by :
champagne, gerald

Please resist any and all attempts to restrict free speech on the internet. The internet belongs to the people and the government needs to butt out!

Comments provided by :
Chandler, Bob

In view of the Russian meddling in last year's election, it is essential that Facebook and similar companies are properly regulated. We need to have proper public disclosure of the origins of political postings. Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide effective regulations. We also need to ensure that enforcement is properly funded and executed. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Charlton, E J

please protect our God-given right to free speech and free expression ! thank you.

Comments provided by :
chen, claro

The FEC needs to step up and do it's job. The American public has to know where ads come from. Democracy depends on it.

Comments provided by :
Chorn, Donly

The Constitution is the SUPREME law of the land, any laws or regulations that undermine or conflict with it, are null and void by default.

Protect all Freedom of Speech and the 1st Amendment!

Comments provided by :
Church, Michael

Free Speech is one of the cornerstones of our Constitution. Please seek to protect this for our nation and generations to come. By allowing free speech to be tampered with to appease whatever group demands it will find you in the cross hairs as well. Protect our freedom, have courage, have integrity.

Comments provided by :
Cividino, Dora

I would ask the FEC to provide guidelines and transparency rules so that the public can know, in real-time, the source of the ad they are accessing/subjected to. We cannot rely on Facebook or other social media providers to determine the response to the current situation. information is critical to our democracy and the changing face of how we access data/news requires that we set new guidelines/rules. Trust is an importat issue in this age of increasing social fracturing. I think this is especially critical in the face of probable upcoming changes to the Internet.

Thank you, Deborah Clancy

Comments provided by :
Clancy, Deborah

Please write your comment here.protect our free speech!!!

Comments provided by :
Clark, John

Please write your comment here You can NOT do away with free speech
anywhere!!!!

Comments provided by :
Clark, Nancy

You must protect our free speech online!
Protect our constitution and FREE SPEECH!

Comments provided by :
Clarke, Matt

There is too much special interest money being funneled into our election process and these special interests need to be transparent about who they are and what they stand for. At this point there is no way to know the real from the fake, the true from the propaganda. It hurts ALL Americans and plays into the hands of those that mean us harm.

Comments provided by :
Clary, Darlene

Free speech is FREE SPEECH. That means that, short of yelling "fire" in a crowded building I can say anything I want. Even if what I say is disgusting and everyone else disagrees with it. The Constitution does NOT say you can only say things that everyone agrees with. It does NOT SAY you have a right to NOT be offended. I know plenty of things others say, especially in politics, that I find disgusting, stupid, anti American and just plain dumb but its their RIGHT to sound as stupid as they want. So NO CENSORSHIP ON THE INTERNET. Its un American, unconstitutional and just WRONG.

Comments provided by :
Clawson, William

The internet exists and was so quickly popularized because it allowed free speech to exist regardless of the thoughts and opinions of those in charge. Government does not belong in regulating that free speech. I don't and won't agree with everyone who puts something on the net, but I do support their right and ability to do so. As long as it doesn't display a crime, videos should be allowed such freedoms as well. I don't like controlling regulation and am continually aggravated by government sticking its nose where it doesn't belong. Please for the sake of all of our liberties, don't limit free speech on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Clove, Mahlon

The First Amendment resembles the Second Amendment, in that any attempt at control will inhibit only those who respect the law while leaving others to do whatever they will. Your attempt to punish violators of your edicts will be frustrated by the complexity of the internet, the use of bots and false ID's, the dark web, and the time delays involved.

Comments provided by :
Coates, William

I do not support any restriction of free speech.

Comments provided by :
Cochrane, Frederick

Please protect our free speech now! We conservatives have a right to have our opinions heard, not censored just like the Democrats/ liberals do

Comments provided by :
Coffelt, Jo

First amendment is fundamental to an open and free society. These rights are not revocable.

Political correctness is a tool of censorship by un American left wing control freaks. The American people are not going to tolerate this.

Comments provided by :

Comstock, Lloyd

Please preserve our constitutionally protected rights to present our views publicly without intervention by elected or unelected public officials.

Comments provided by :
Connors, Charles

Please write your comment here.Siding with Any one side when it comes to freedom of speech is tantamount to communism, which is to control what people hear to favor one side for political gain. We need equal rights on both sides to hear and make decisions based on those conversations. Please do not sanction freedom of speech on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Conway, Mark

CA has a new disclosure law (AB249) with respect to TV and print political ads. The ad is required to show the top 3 donors of the ad in a regulated fashion as to size and background. You should look it up.

AB 249, the California DISCLOSE Act, would let voters know who REALLY is paying for ballot measure ads ? on the ads themselves. Authored by Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo) and Marc Levine (D-San Rafael) and sponsored by the California Clean Money Campaign, AB 249 would amend the Political Reform Act of 1974. It requires a two-thirds vote of the legislature to pass.

AB 249 replaces AB 14 using language from 2016's AB 700 with three key loophole-closing amendments. AB 700 passed the Assembly on an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 60-15 and then came within one vote of passing the Senate on August 31.

The record amounts of secret money spent in the last election underscore the need to pass the California DISCLOSE Act. Now it's time to build the additional pressure needed to get AB 249 the one extra vote it needs to pass.

No matter what issue you care about ? the environment, health care, education, food safety, worker rights, civil rights, or fair taxes ? All are dominated by billionaires and special interests that spend unlimited amounts of hidden money to buy elections.

AB 249, the California DISCLOSE Act will start to free California politics from secret money and set an example for the nation.

Comments provided by :
CORITE, ANNE

Please write your comment here. Stop this Bullshit you
you are all Communist who want to pass this law
you people , we know exactly why you want this law passed, you people are the greasiest of sub humans
STOP THIS BULLSHIT NOW!!

Comments provided by :
Cortes, Raymond

I fully support requiring online political advertisements include disclaimers that identify who paid for them. As a voter, this information is crucial to my ability to make informed decisions.

Comments provided by :
Cory, Paul

Our free speech rights are important no matter the platform online is no different. It was outrageous that Obama gave our internet away. I urge you to stand behind the American people in this matter!

Comments provided by :
Cowan, Lynda

Please protect our 1st Amendment rights. Please protect free speech over the internet.

Comments provided by :
Crawford, Sandra

Free speech on the Internet should be a given.

Comments provided by :
crocker, cynthia

Please write your comment here.

I support our freedom of speech rights and ask that you do also. Please help prevent anything that could even remotely limit this God given constitutional amendment!

Comments provided by :

Crosby, Nancy

Without free speech, however hateful it may be to you individually, we have no freedom; only fascism. And without freedom, we are slaves to whomever rules at the time. Please, do not restrict our freedom of speech.

Comments provided by :
Culver, Kimmerle

FREE SPEECH SHOULD BE FOR EVERYONE!! Stop being selective about what you allow online!! Free speech is a first amendment right of every citizen in the US. Let's keep it that way!!

Comments provided by :
Cunningham, Trudi

In the 21st century, the internet provides a tremendous platform for the dissemination of advertising of all types, including political. If broadcast television and radio require a disclaimer, there is no fundamental difference that should exclude the internet from the same requirements. I want to know who is behind a message.

Comments provided by :
Danforth, Francis

Please protect freedom of speech on the internet, don't allow minority voices to silence people they disagree with.

Comments provided by :
Daniel, Selden

FEC,
I urge that online free speech be protected.

Comments provided by :
Davis, Debra

Please write your comment here. First Amendment, U. S. Constitution. Do not try to control my right of free speech when I see you leftist liberals, Progressives, Antifa, idiot celebs and others say the most gross things about this country!!!!

Comments provided by :
Davison, Michael

Please write your comment here.It sounds like the communist are coming.
Free speech is our God given right,that right isn't just for the elite!
So please don't tread on ours.
Thank you!

Comments provided by :
Day, Gary

It is imperative that there is transparency in the government and they be accountable for their wrong doings when it comes to the people who put their lives and trust into the government... Do the right thing for the people and let the truth be told...

Comments provided by :
De Jesus , Jeannette

I am writing to ask the FEC to make rules to regulate online advertising. We need similar rules to protect Americans from disinformation just as we do in other forms of media. I realize that Facebook and Twitter say they are taking steps to fix the problem but I think it needs to be regulated. I know that reports say that Russia's protrusion into our election may not have altered the outcome, but no one believes that online messaging from ISIS doesn't affect some individuals. How are American voters seeking information any different? Please consider this in your rule making.

Comments provided by :
Deane, Marjorie

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Comments provided by :
DeRose, Aaron

Hello,

I am writing to ask that you please update the current disclosure rules to reflect who is purchasing political ads. Anything less than full transparency is irresponsible and reckless, and action needs to be taken immediately to reflect the modern climate while preventing future attempts by foreign powers to influence american voters.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
DeSantis, Casey

We deserve to know who is paying for on-line advertising. We can?t rely on social media companies to regulate themselves. We need regulations that can be enforced.

Comments provided by :
dickinson , Sheryle

I'm a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah and I'm asking that you protect our right to free speech. Online and off. We must do everything in our power to protect our constitutional rights in every issue.

Comments provided by :
Dickinson, Sheri

Am trying again because this is important. The FCC needs to protect the people from foreign attempts to influence our elections. Rules need to be in place that require complete transparency concerning who pays for on line ads and the FCC should take steps to intervene if any postings are not transparent as to their origin.

Comments provided by :
Dierksen, Kathryn

I ask that you protect free speech on the internet. This is what makes us free and different from the world.

Comments provided by :

Dodd, Tommy

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I don't understand how this is not just plain old common sense.

Comments provided by :
Doerr, Eugene

Please write your comment here. We want our free speech protected from government interference on online communication..

Comments provided by :
Doorly, David

free speech must continue any other thoughts should leave
your thinking. Comm we are not

Comments provided by :
dreier, donald

Russia's trolling Facebook ads reached over 126 million people during the 2016 elections -- specifically targeting swing states Trump won narrowly like Wisconsin and Michigan.

Here's the scary part: Voters head to the polls in several states today, and we have no idea if they've been spammed or influenced by Russia once again again -- and we won't without real transparency on who's paying for online ads.

That's because the Federal Election Commission, which is responsible for writing disclosure rules, hasn't updated them in years.

We, the people of the United States demand full disclosure about who's paying for online ads.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Druchunas, Donna

Please write your comment here.the right to free speech, expressing ourselves is in the Constitution, stop messing with it! The participants can curtail the cursing and other vulgar language by not reading and not forwarding and not commenting on such comments.

Comments provided by :
Duda, Dorothy

Please fight for continued Free Speech rights for Americans!!! Uphold our Constitution!!!

Comments provided by :
Ehrke, Margaret

Please write your comment here.

The proposed regulation is contrary to the First Amendment period and should be withdrawn. All speech whether verbal or written, online or in print, public or private, is protected and unrestricted. This also includes the spending of money in a political context according to the Supreme Court.

Comments provided by :

Eifrig, Bob

Free speech cant be denied to ANYONE.

Comments provided by :
Eldridge, Robert

I urge you to keep freedom of speech on the internet. This is a very important issue concerning individuals rights.
Thank you for your consideration.

Comments provided by :
Elliott, Barbara

As a US citizen I believe that the transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see ads in the 21st century, which is increasingly online. Obviously foreign powers have figured out how to influence our elections and that needs to stop. We have a difficult time as it is receiving factual information.

Comments provided by :
Elliott, Janet

Limiting the speech of those you disagree with is unconstitutional, not that that bothers the left as long as they can lie whenever and wherever they want.

Comments provided by :
Elliott, Larry

Protect Free Speech Online

Comments provided by :
Engle, Ron

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Comments provided by :
English, David

Please Protect our 1st Amendment which includes online speech.

Comments provided by :
Engstrom, Nancy

Please write your comment here.please do not stop free speech on the Internet this is part of our constitutional rights

Comments provided by :

Enochs, Gayle

It's time to close the loop holes in place that allow unlimited dark money both foreign and domestic to influence our elections.

Comments provided by :
Estrada, Chris

I want to respectfully ask you to protect free speech online, as our Constitution requires. It is the people's rights that are being eroded left and right. Please protect free online speech. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Estridge, Debra

The USA and the world will be much worse without free speech or with suppressed and controlled speech. Without free speech no one wins.

Comments provided by :
Evans, Hildegard

Please write your comment here.PROTECT FREE SPEECH ONLINE AND ELSEWHERE!!!

Comments provided by :
Face, Jackie

Please protect our freedom of speech online.

Comments provided by :
Fahrenbruch, Cheryl

Please keep free speech alive

Comments provided by :
falsey, richard

Please write your comment here.the freedoms in the US Constitution must be protected.

Comments provided by :
farrell, David

Please protect free speech online

Comments provided by :
Farthing, Carrie

Free and fair elections must have open and clear methods for identifying campaign supporters. Campaign related information, whether factual information or not, must identify the source and funding for the providers of said information. Only by identification can we prospective voters understand who is providing the funding thus offering us some understanding as to what their motivations might be.

There is also the issue of foreign money being used to buy content and provide advertising or other campaign support. We must have mechanisms in place to identify them as well.

Comments provided by :
Fast, William

Please protect free speech online. This means for EVERYONE, not just one segment of society.

Comments provided by :
Fedell, Nancy

Please protect my 1st Amendment Right & my online free speech right now.

Comments provided by :
Fentress, Beverly

Please do not allow the silencing of people's opinions. Freedom of speech is critical and needs protecting. How does a government by the people for the people run without hearing what the people (all the people) have to say?

Comments provided by :
Ferrin, Keith

Free speech is free speech whether its in person or online. Dont restrict it.

Comments provided by :
Fiddelke, Thomas

Freedom of speech is guaranteed to these people of the United States of America. There is nothing in the constitution that excepts conservatives! Please do the right thing and protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Fisk, Linda

why don't you follow the 1st amendment and quit being liberal socialists. Please write your comment here.

Comments provided by :

flaming, clayton

Please protect online free speech and all forms of free speech. The left is trying to shut down free speech as a means of control.

Comments provided by :
Fleetwood, Jan

Please write your comment here.As you have a right to free speech so don't all of us. Stay out of our business in who we select to read and what we believe. The constitution will prevail.

Comments provided by :
Folsom, Mary

Please, protect free speech in this country. Please, protect our institutions of high learning from attacks day by day. These acts have no place in America. Where in the law enforcement of this country?

Comments provided by :
Fonseca, Jose

Please do everything you can to protect our on line speech rights. This is a special right that all people should cherish!

Comments provided by :
Fox, Arlene

Please protect our free speech even when not politically correct.

Comments provided by :
Frasier, Harry

Freedom of Speech is one of the most important freedoms we as American's have. Please preserve our freedom.

Comments provided by :
Freeman, Shirley

It seems there is an unbalance when it comes to free speech lately. The radical left and the Democrats do not want to hear the voices of Conservatives who only want to protect the Constitutional rights under the First Amendment for all citizens, no matter how offensive. I urge you to reconsider putting any curbs on speech in this nation, it will be the start of something none of us want to see - Anarchy.

Adhere to the origin of the first amendment:

Comments provided by :

Gage, Cynthia

Please do not force American's to lose their freedom of speech. We do not want to go down the path of communism by limiting speech. That would not be good for anyone. Government over-reach needs to stop now. Thank you for not trying to take away my rights.

Comments provided by :
Galvin, Jerri

please protect our free speech online

Comments provided by :
gandara, Justo

please support the Constitution and all Americans right to free speech. The answer to any "bad" speech is MORE speech, not less. Vigorous and free debate protects our rights and freedom.

Comments provided by :
Garner, J.

political ads should be clearly marked regarding who is sponsoring and foreign entities should be restricted from purchasing political ads in the USA under false identities.

Comments provided by :
Gelb, Daniel

Uphold our constitution & preserve free speech online. The FCC should protect our 1st amendment rights not silence the voice of the people. That means all people. Silencing opposing views of anyone, no matter what they wish to express is to destroy freedom of speech

Comments provided by :
Georgeson, Darel

The FEC shouldn't be allowed to regulate anything I say, ever.

Comments provided by :
Gerber, Evan

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

? Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

? Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Gibson, Matthew

Its another week where the radical left has disdain for another right guaranteed by our bill of rights. Im saddened to say Im not surprised.

Please protect our freedom of speech online.

Comments provided by :
Gilbert, Jason

Any attempt to limit or eliminate any form of free speech online is a violation of the first amendment. Your job is to protect the freedoms of your constituents. I'll monitor your position on all legislation related to limiting free speech.

Comments provided by :
Gilley, George

The U.S. public deserves to know who is trying to influence our elections. We need to know where the money is coming from that pays for ads - online or elsewhere. All ads should prominently display that information.

This can NOT be left to the discretion of the media (whose primary interest is profits). The FEC needs to issue regulations with strong enforcement provisions.

Please act swiftly to protect our elections by issuing new regulations requiring that all political ads include information on who is paying for the ad.

Thank you for considering this request!

Comments provided by :
Gimblet, J.R.

Everyone has the right to be heard, and it doesnt matter what others may think. We need to preserve that right and not allow those who disagree to silence conservative voices.

Comments provided by :
Golliher, Nancy

Online media companies such as Facebook and Twitter should have to disclose who pays for political ads. It doesn't make sense to require this of TV and radio ads but exclude equally important types of advertising because it happens to take place online.

Comments provided by :
Goodrich, Holly

I support strict laws around transparency of all ads, online or on any other medium. The public deserves to know where information is coming from which means knowing who paid for ads--not just the immediate entity paying for an ad, but also any organizations or people behind that entity. In addition, truth in advertising laws should also apply to political ads. It should not be legal to put out misleading or downright false ads on social media, TV, radio, print or other media.

Comments provided by :
Goodrow, Dana

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Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Graff, Janice

As a U.S Citizen I highly urge you to ensure that the First Amendment rights of all Americans is protected online.

Comments provided by :
Grammont, Shawn

The FEC needs to create and enforce regulations that require online ads to show who it is that pays for them. With the increasing numbers of people subjected to online advertising it is essential for there to be transparency, especially with political advertising.

Comments provided by :
Graves, Margaret

The fiasco of foreign meddling in our last election via online social media political advertising makes it clear we **MUST** update laws to regulate these technologies. Ads masquerading as commentary or news stories are too easily accepted by the American audience as truth. These sponsored content and ads should clearly indicate they are **PAID PLACEMENT** and disclose **WHO PAID** for them. Further steps should be taken to ensure that foreign entities cannot insert themselves into the American political process and that U.S. media companies do not profit from said shenanigans.

Comments provided by :
Gray, Karen

No matter if it's organizations with ties to Russia or wealthy special interests at home, Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

The Russian government used Facebook and social media platforms to interfere with the 2016 election.

We need to use every lever at our disposal ? including ending secret online political ads ? to prevent that from happening again, and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them ? just like is done for television and print advertisements.

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information.

Yet our outdated transparency rules ? which still include references to telegrams and typewriters ? don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads.

The FEC should require online ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them.

A recent Marist poll found that more than three in four Americans ? 78 percent ? want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms. That includes 80 percent of Republicans and 82 percent of Independents.

The FEC should act immediately to put forward updated regulations that require online campaign ads to include disclaimers letting people know who is funding them, just like television and print ads.

Jason Green

Comments provided by :

Green, Jason

I want full disclosure about who's paying for online ads.

Comments provided by :
Green, Judith

Please continue to protect free speech.

Comments provided by :
Grenrood, David

The internet was meant to be open to the public. It has become a tool for social interaction. If someone or group, doesn't want that they will attempt to limit availability or what can be discussed. Those people have an agenda that does nothing good for our society as a whole. That's why I hope you will not vote for REG2011-02.

Comments provided by :
Greulich, Frederick

Dear FCC,

Please stop the unconstitutional assault on our First Amend' Freedom of Speech Rights on the internet or any other place. It is your responsibility and duty to protect our rights within your jurisdiction for the AMERICAN PEOPLE and our NATION. Nobody has a right to take away or curtail our Constitutional rights. Nobody has a right to change the Constitution. Only the nation as a whole can change it, not activist judges or other special interest groups.

Thank you!

Comments provided by :
Griffith, Robert

Please write your comment here.

I am writing this to request that you protect our Constitutional right to online freedom of speech.

You must protect our Constitution.

Respectfully

Sandra Griffith

Comments provided by :

Griffith, Sandra

Do not censor the internet. It violates the 1st amendment.

Comments provided by :
Gronseth, Scott

Protect free speech! Don't regulate speech! Protect the constitution! Don't regulate speech online! Protect online free speech!

Comments provided by :
grunewald, matt

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment this is truly an important issue. A enforceable change must be made that allows full disclosure of who paid for online ads. Ads may cost money but the truth sets us free. Please help preserve our democracy only with clear enforceable rules can we trust online giants like Twitter and FaceBook to be fully transparent. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Haave, Robert

USA's elections should not be hijacked or influenced by outside governments or their cronies who reside in the United States. It deligitimizes our democratic process and places people in office who otherwise shouldn't be there. The effect of this is already highly visible and has had a terrible impact to our country. The process must be of utmost transparency as the lives of Americans depend on it.

Comments provided by :

Hail, Scot

Transparency is the only way we can know if people or countries are interfering with our elections and our government. Disclosure of who is REALLY paying for online ads should be required. And I don't mean the shell corps or fake identities these places might create to cover themselves. The money trail should be followed all the way back.

Comments provided by :
Hall, Stephanie

.protect free speech

Comments provided by :
hamar, Susan

Please write your comment here.please,leave our free speech online alone.Free speech is free speech!

Comments provided by :
Hamell, Randy

I write to you urging your defense of the Constitution as is your sworn duty as a federal officer. Defending corporate media monopolies on speech regulations is not your mandate. Defending the 1st amendment is. Every forum with broad enough use to be considered a public forum must be subject to the Constitution of the United States, or we will see one freedom follow another down the drain of privileged and power-seeking depravity.

Comments provided by :
Hamilton, Jeffrey

Posting who paid for (or responsible for) a political ad is critical in order for me to evaluate the credibility of the information. As we now know, foreign entities are posting political ads, along with businesses and individuals that might benefit financially from the 'political' position being posted and promoted, so for these reasons, want very much to know who is responsible for posting/promoting political advertisements.

Comments provided by :
Hammond, Ann

Freedom of speech forever!

Comments provided by :
Hanley, John

Online speech is still speech. The 1st Amendment still rules there.

Comments provided by :
Happel, Gregory

Protect free speech at all cost. We will not be free any longer if only one side can be heard.

Comments provided by :
Hardoin, Linda

Please protect free speech online for all people, including conservatives.
Thank you,

Comments provided by :
Hardoin, Rosalie

We deserve the right to free speech!

Comments provided by :
Harken, Michelle

Please, no new restrictive regulations on online speech.

Comments provided by :

Harris, Gary

Protect free speech online! No new regulations!

Comments provided by :
Harris, Sylvia

Please protect online free speech..

Comments provided by :
Harter, Nile

LEAVE OUR INTERNET (WWW) ALONE !!!!

Comments provided by :
hartman, randy

Free speech is the cornerstone of our Republic, please do not curtail the freedom to exercise that fundamental right!

Comments provided by :
Harvill, Avery

Please write your comment here.I do not want my emails censored.

Comments provided by :
Hauser, Geraldine

Protect our rights on free speech online.
please

Comments provided by :
HAYDEN, CURTIS

Antifa is anti Constitution and anti free speech. Outlaw these Communists Now!

Comments provided by :
Hayes, Dallas

I believe GOD gave me the ability to know the difference between truth and falsehood. Big Government should not make the decision for me. Stay out of my business and stay out of the internet.
thank you for listening to my plea

Comments provided by :
Hayes, Janet

Please protect online free speech. This is part of the first amendment coverage. Do not try to silence our voices.

Comments provided by :
HEBERT, KATHY

Any new regulations would ultimately work to silence your voice and undermine your constitutional rights.
Protect online free speech

Comments provided by :
Heder, Helen

Please do your job and protect free speech. I do not care for the left slant but it is protected as the right should be. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Helm, Aelissa

Protect Online Free Speech at ALL Costs ! The United States Constitution guarguarantees these rights to all Americans .

Comments provided by :
Hernandez, Jose

We appreciate what you are doing .The citizens need to do more, I am doing. We need to show our faces and demand free speech and justice for all.The news agencies that do not tell the truth and both sides of the story need to be taken off the air.

Comments provided by :
Herron, James

Please write your comment here.protect free speech

Comments provided by :
Hess, Tom

Please protect free speech on line and elsewhere.

Liberals speak out all they want but conservatives are not given a chance to speak their mind. I am frustrated seeing conservative speakers rudely interrupted and pushed out by yelling liberals.

Comments provided by :

Hill, Carolyn

Please stop and protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Hines, Nancy

I am a lawyer and former judge. I am a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of California. Neither Google, Twitter, Facebook, nor any social media company should receive an exemption from the FEC rules requiring that political ads feature a disclosure indicating who paid for them. In light of recent Congressional testimony, it appears that Russia paid for political ads and news. Russia's involvement was not disclosed. The ads were inflammatory and not true. They may even have affected our election. Make all social media companies disclose who (including foreign actors) are paying any amount of money for any ads or news. In fact, I hope Congress regulates foreign entities' involvement in American social media companies, disallowing any and all money, including laundered money from offshore accounts. Please find some sort of mechanism whereby you can trace money that may have been laundered from a foreign entity.

Comments provided by :
Hinz, Micho

Making corrections to ads will do little or nothing to correct misperceptions formed from the original content. Announcing the ad funding source after the fact, or listing it in a different location will not inform the target audience in a manner timely enough to prevent forming false impressions. We must have real-time, relevant information within the ads themselves in order to build opinions informed by the motivation of the ad buyer. The proliferation of social media requires a comprehensive policy which responds rapidly to violations.

Comments provided by :
Hirschinger, Jerry

Please write your comment here. Who is to judge who gets to speak?

Comments provided by :
Holien, Michael

we have enough anti freedom goings on without this

Comments provided by :
Hollins, Stanley

Please protect my first amendment right online and keep the internet open and free.

Comments provided by :
Holman, James

The first amendment is first because it is the most important of them all. Free speech is the foundation of a free society and should not be abridged under any circumstances by any body of the government or otherwise. There is no cause for the FEC to try to control the internet. Leave it alone.

Comments provided by :
Holmes, Shelba

Stop cow towing to special interest groups by trampling on 1st amendment rights. Protect free speech on line and anywhere else.

Comments provided by :
Hoppesch, Paulette

Please protect our free speech rights online. Thanks for you support and help! Deb Houck

Comments provided by :
Houck, Deborah

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Comments provided by :

Huang , Betsy

please work overtime to protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Hubble, Will

Please protect free speech online. Thank you for protecting our constitutional rights to freedom of speech.

Comments provided by :
Hudgens, Barbara

The internet is the most powerful means we have for shrinking the effective size of this world we live in. Anyone, anywhere can be my neighbor. I believe this is of utmost importance. The internet can be a force for good, lets give it a chance ! if we just had more honest reporters all humanity could join together for a better world that would work for everyone!

Comments provided by :
Hulett, Allene

Freedom of speech is what every soldier who fought his country and paid the ultimate price was fighting for along with freedom of religion and a host of other things.

Comments provided by :
Huxoll, Keith

The intrusion on the 1st amend is becoming more common here...The increasing PC and whining is nothing more than that, if your tolerance level is this low then perhaps your in the wrong line of work or country..

Comments provided by :
HYAK, LARRY

I'm very concerned, as a voter and a citizen of the United States of America, that I should be supplied with FACTUAL information from WITHIN the United States to read and absorb so that I can vote for a person, or on an issue, without fear of being misled by false information.

Sincerely,
Annette Ingersoll

Comments provided by :
Ingersoll, Annette

Please write your comment here. Leave our free speech alone on the net . Even if we don't like what others say its important for all to say what they feel period ! Unless your going to tear up our Constitution .

Comments provided by :
Ingram, Steve

the FCC has not right to silence us true blue American patriots. Trump must fire all those who try. We are protected by 1st amendment to silence us is a violation of our constitutional rights.

Angry vet

Comments provided by :
ingrassi, Nick

Protect free speech by all means!!!ease write your mment her

Comments provided by :

Please consider my rights to free speech as a conservative Christian in your decisions re: whose voices should vs not be heard...

It has sadly become the reality of our culture, that the only voices allowed to be heard in the public sector & on college campuses, are those expressing liberal viewpoints that are meant to undermine all we have strived to instill in our youth...

Comments provided by :
Ivy, Pamela

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Comments provided by :

Izzo, Maria

I am very much against the FEC regulating political speech on the Internet. It is against the first amendment of the Constitution where as the government shall not limit political speech. The Internet should remain free from government corruption.

Comments provided by :
Jackson, Lynne

Every citizen of this free nation has the Constitutional Right to express their opinions openly. And a powerful organization, such as yours, is in the perfect position to either stand tall for truth and right or send the U.S. into a never-ending tailspin of distrust and defamation. Choose wisely, please!

Comments provided by :
Jankovich, Evelyn

My right to free speech is a given under our own constitution and it is the right of every one in America. Our nation is founded on this right and I am not giving it up.

Comments provided by :
Johnson, Barbara

There is only Free Speech when all sides are heard.

Comments provided by :
Johnson, Jeff

The Constitution is the law of the land and the
First Amendment shall not be taken away

Comments provided by :
Johnson, Pat

Ads meant to influence public opinion on matter of American policy should always have a disclosure about the origin of the ad. By "origin of the ad" I mean the group that paid for it and where they come from. Ads that are sponsored by groups outside the US should be disallowed entirely as other countries should not be influencing American voters at all. Likewise, ads purchased by giant corporations, especially multi-national should be clearly identified as such.

American politics should be an American activity. Any other sovereign state should stay out of American politics, just as we (Americans) should stay out of theirs.

All political ads, regardless of the medium used to spread them, must disclose their origins and funding. Without this transparency, democracy itself is at risk. We need an informed electorate, not voters who have been fooled by foreign misinformation campaigns or faceless corporate interests.

Comments provided by :
Johnston, Graham

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Comments provided by :
Johnston, Timothy

Please protect our freedom of speech on-line. Freedom of speech is our Constitutional Right, protect it!

Comments provided by :
Jones, Audrey

Americans have a right to know who is trying to manipulate them.

A recent Marist poll found that 78% of Americans want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms, including 80% of Republicans and 82% of Independents.

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them - just like is done for television and print advertisements.

Comments provided by :
Jorstad, Anne

Online political advertising should identify the person or organization paying for that advertising. The voting public has a right to know who is trying to influence their vote.

Comments provided by :
Joyce, Robert

I believe that all Americans should have all the truthful information we need to make important decisions in our elections. Without full disclosure on who is buying ads online, we will not have that information.

Please make transparency on these ads a priority and update your rules for full disclosure in these important times.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Julian, Suzanne

Do not limit or censor free speech on line.

Comments provided by :
Kane, Bill

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Comments provided by :
Karl, Jaycee

We need full disclosure and transparency of all parties paying for ads on Facebook.

Comments provided by :
Kashino, Margaret

Please protect conservative free speech online. The 1st Amendment demands it.

Comments provided by :
Kassube, JoAnn

Please protect my right for free speech on line!!!!

Comments provided by :
Katzin, Lois

I urge you to protect the Constitution and my free speech. If I don't have free speech there is no freedom!

Comments provided by :
Kehl, Jacqueline

I'm concerned that the free speech rights of conservatives is not being appropriately protected and ask that you ensure that, regardless of political persuasion, these rights are protected. This include online free speech as well as public speaking. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Keiper, Frances

I urge that the FEC require that the party paying for all internet ads be clearly stated as part of the ad. Millions of people were harmed in the last election by being subjected to ads which were paid for by a hostile government. This must not happen again.

Comments provided by :
Kellerman, Dana

I use the internet as my leading source of information. Yet our outdated transparency rules, doesn't require adequate disclosure for online ads.

Americans have a right to know who is paying for political advertisements.

We need to use every lever at our disposal ? including ending secret online political ads ? to prevent that from happening again, and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

Our democracy depends on vigorous transparent debate. The FEC is the agency charged with making sure campaign finance rules are followed and should start working now to require the same level of transparency for online ads as we have for political ads on television.

The internet is a public service and should be free of undue influence!

Comments provided by :

Kelly, Ann

Protect free speech on the internet. Do not regulate it.

Comments provided by :
Kelly, Dan

Free speech is under attack on college campuses and of unpopular positions. Political discourse is aided by dialog not violence. The internet should remain open even to unpopular speech. Even hate speech is protected by the constitution. Lets enforce the constitution.

Comments provided by :
Kelly, Tim

Pleasedont mess with my freedoms n let me say n read what i want write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
kelsey, Elizabeth

Please protect online free speech.

Comments provided by :
Kemp, James

Stop taking our freedom of speech away.Please write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
key, catherine

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Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Your one job is to ensure a safe and fair election, and you're failing. Total DISGRACE.

Comments provided by :
Khona, Bhumika

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Comments provided by :
Kidder, Stanley

Please stop FB, Twiier & FCC FROM CENSORSHIP against conservatives!

Comments provided by :
Kidney, Ruth

Protect free speech and our Constitution. We are losing our freedoms that are the foundation of our country. Free speech should be a Constitutional right online. It is your obligation to protect that freedom.

Comments provided by :
Kiilbourne, Ira

After witnessing the attempts and successes of shutting down speakers on college campuses we cannot let this same shut down occur on the airwaves or on line. Do not enact any rules that will diminish everyone's right to free, unobstructed speech.

Comments provided by :
Kilgariff, Jeffrey

The only purpose for the FEC is to regulate band width. Ensuring a well regulated broadcast system scientifically, not ideologically as to "republican" ideals. The blocking of commu-fascist propaganda is the other function. Free speech and human decency are to prevail. Buy Planter's Peanuts/Sell Western Oil(BP).

Comments provided by :
Kimsey, Christopher

Please also use disclosure for local elections such as mayoral and city council races. We have had many adverse consequences in the city of Tacoma due to local representatives being compromised by donations from big oil companies and a utility company based in Australia.

Comments provided by :
Kindt, Carol

I am asking you to stop the lefts unconstitutional crusade - protect the constitution and free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Klein, Jason

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Thank you

Comments provided by :

Kloberdanz, Ron

Why is the government so obcest with taking away our rights.

Comments provided by :
Knoepfle, Myron

Conservatives have the same rights to free speech as liberals.

Comments provided by :
Knopf, John

Please keep free speech online. The first amendment means free speech everywhere.

Comments provided by :
KNOTT, BARBARA

I want full disclosure about who's paying for online ads.

Comments provided by :

Knox, Larry

PPlease preserve our freedoms and first amendment rights. Follow the Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Kogan, Nancy

I urge you to protect free speech and not allow regulations of speech online. The internet is just fine and doesn't need government interference.

Comments provided by :
Kolb, Phyllis

Please do not take away my freedom of speech online. Instead protect the Constitution and protect online free speech today.

Comments provided by :
Konrady, Dan

We deserve to know who is paying for ads on sites like Facebook and Twitter, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see ads in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Kosmicki, Lily

do not mess with the internet!!! all opinions Are expressions of thought. only eliminate obvious violence and speech calling people curse words or racial insults.

Comments provided by :
krausen, 1

1st Amendment. I have a God given right to speak my mind anywhere and communicate my beliefs, no matter how offensive to others!

Comments provided by :
Kreitzer, Matthew

We are asking you to protect our 1st Amendment right to free speech. Look at other countries that dont have this right. Iran, North Korea, Venezuela. I dont think we want that here. Respectfully
Ron Kress

Comments provided by :
Kress, Ron

Technology has changed since the rules about political advertisements were last updated. More and more, people are turning to social media to discuss issues and learn about what's happening in the world. The same rules that apply to advertising in our more traditional mediums should also apply to social media. People should be able to see clearly which groups are sponsoring those ads and evaluate for themselves the credibility of the source. Those who sell ads on social media platforms should also be held to the same standards as TV, radio and newspapers as far as verifying the source and making sure it has been properly identified. This is more critical than ever given that the FBI has concluded that Russia tried to influence the 2016 presidential election.

Comments provided by :
Kusiak-Peters, Jessica

Please write your comment here.quit the bs stop messing with he 1st amendment.

Comments provided by :
lambrecht, Kenneth

Please write your comment here.protect free speech on line

Comments provided by :
lange, Virginia

Please Protect my right to Freedom of Speech online and on college campus. We all need to have the right to speak our truth whether conservative or liberal. Thank You!

Comments provided by :
Larsen, Betty

Please Protect our free speech rights. It is a constitutional right for all Americans. We have the right to speak what we want to, when we want to, anywhere in this country. Leave our freedoms alone. If you don't like it, leave the country, NOW!

Comments provided by :
Larson, Wesley

The founding fathers of this great nation wanted us to have the right of having freedom of speech. Please help protect that freedom.

Comments provided by :
Lawes, Paula

Freedom of speech is our basic right under the laws of our democracy. Your responsibility to always protect those rights is a serious responsibility and should never be taken lightly. We will always find a way to reflect and speak our mind, our thoughts, our heart. No one will ever take those rights from us. We can always find a way, if forced too..

Be warned.. Be afraid.. Be ashamed.. for not protecting our rights....

Comments provided by :
Lawson, Jim

Americans deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online. While social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users, the FEC should provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :

Le, Hao

While obscenity and speech that demands the performance of hate crimes is not protected speech, just about everything else is. Better to err in favor of tolerance. Thans.

Comments provided by :
Lea, Susan

Please protect onling free speech!!

Comments provided by :
Leath, Vaughn

Follow the Constitution to the letter !!!

Comments provided by :
leiby, hugh

Please protect online free speech.

Comments provided by :
Lewis, Ben

Please protect free speech on-line!!!!!!!!!! Free speech is a right whether it is coming out of my mouth or coming from my keyboard!!! Shutting someone down simply because they disagree with you is unacceptable!!! Don't let this happen!!!
Patricia

Comments provided by :
lewis, Patricia

Unless voters can be assured that Russia, or any other foreign entity, is not targeting and attempting to influence our election process, our democracy is at grave risk.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users, but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

It's imperative that such regulations be updated to ensure transparency and full disclosure of who is paying for online political ads.

Comments provided by :
Lewis, Shari

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Comments provided by :
Liakos, Janine

Our democracy is at stake because we do not have updated our archaic transparency rules for online ads. We must know who is paying to influence our elections or we may as well open up voting to citizens of foreign countries. Many more people receive their information on social media then anyone ever did from traditional media for which the only rules exist. Its very possible our enemy affected the outcome of the last election and the government has still not done anything to protect us from that happening again. The FEC must initiate enforceable regulations - we can not rely on social media companies to protect the sanctity of our elections.

Comments provided by :
Lignon, Kenny

Pleas

GOD gives me the right to make choices in what I say, and do, as long as it will damages nobody else, but the liberals think they know what I can say? Perhaps the Conservative Christians should decide to let them know that what they are saying and doing is "dead wrong" and we will not out up with it!!!

Comments provided by :
Linder, Myrtle

Free Speech must be maintained on the internet. The first amendment is being curtailed in our schools, universities, corporations as well as Facebook, utube, etc. We cannot let the government control speech on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Little, Carol

Please accept this comment requesting that the Federal Election Commission require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them ? just like is done for television and print advertisements. In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information. More than three in four Americans ? 78 percent ? want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms. I am one of them.

We have outdated transparency rules ? which still include references to telegrams and typewriters ? don't require adequate disclosure for online ads. This can be fixed before the Russians have a chance to interfere with the next federal election. No matter if it's organizations with ties to Russia or wealthy special interests at home, Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Please act now to protect our elections.

Comments provided by :
Lopiano, Donna A

The constitution is the only document holding this country together. It is what made our country great. IF you want to kill our country, alter the constitution. Just remember however, the people will know who did it.

Comments provided by :
Loye, Robert

Please write your comment here.Please protect our right to free expression online.

Comments provided by :
Luksan, Donald

Different opinions make up intelligent conversation. The Lefts attempt to lose down free speech must not be permitted. It is the cornerstone of the Republic.

Comments provided by :
Lund, Paul

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced. We want transparency!!

Comments provided by :
Luzi Steiner, Raquel

To Whom it May Concern, It is important to me as an active and informed voter that I know who is paying for political advertising. This is true for both social media and tradition media, print or broadcast. The public needs to to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users, but self-policing does not work. The FEC must provide clear and effective regulations that can be easily and quickly enforced

Comments provided by :

Lyons, Jayne

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online. Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Lytle, Denise

The Founding Generation was wiser than any could have imagined at the time. That is one reason we have the 1st Amendment. Many want to take it away from us. RJM

Comments provided by :
Macchia, Richard

I am writing to strongly support having a disclaimer on all political ads on who is paying for the particular ad.

Comments provided by :
Madoshi, Diana

American ingenuity founded the internet including the ability for millions around the world to interconnect with one another. How dare Gov't officials to try and strangle this freedom of expression. Must be your fear of being discovered of wanting to control THE PEOPLE as it's done in tyrannical governments. Stop the idiocy!

Comments provided by :
Madrid, Hilario

Protect free speech by eliminating government interference.

Comments provided by :

Mail, Gen

i as an American citizen demand that you protect my constitutional rights to FREE SPEECH!

Comments provided by :
Malinoski, Mary

Protect Free Speech Online!

Comments provided by :
Mangi, Joseph

Free speech is protected by our Constitution. This include the internet.
You must not prohibit free speech.

Comments provided by :
Manly, Crystal

I feel now more than ever, we need transparency in our elections and the election process. We can't allow money to influence our election from outside the USA. All contributions and ads run for candidates should be easily traceable as to be sure there is no outside influence on our democracy.

Comments provided by :
Maresca , Edward

Please write your comment here. I should be able to have free-speech Im sick of those evil people

Comments provided by :
Marino, Alan

Our elections should not be influenced by foreign powers. I demand that we have clear and transparent ads. We should know who is paying for the ads and who they are supporting as a candidate or what position they are promoting. It is in our best interests to have such clear and transparent ads that may influence how people will vote in any United States election. Deception and deceitful ads should not be allowed to unduly influence our elections!

Comments provided by :

Markus, Liz

Shutting down free speech is wrong. Whether or not you agree with what's being said. You have the right to agree or disagree or for that matter, don't listen at all but free speech is a right that people have died for in this country. Have some respect.

Comments provided by :
Marolda, Wendy

Dear Sirs

Take note that I completely oppose any sensorship of my free speech online or otherwise.

Best Regards

Joe Martin

Comments provided by :
Martin, Joseph

I respectfully urge the FEC to REQUIRE that on-line political ads include the same type of disclaimers required on print and broadcast political ads. The same degree of transparency must be applied to on-line ads by requiring information regarding the purchaser of such ads.

Comments provided by :
Martin, Sarah Pierce

Please write your comment here.protect free speech please.

Comments provided by :
Martin, Shawn

Please protect the rights of all Americans and keep free speech on line. We are all entitled to our first amendment right. Do not give in to the leftist, or others in this country to take our rights away.

Comments provided by :
Martinez, Paula

Please protect the free speech of conservatives !!!

Comments provided by :
Maschek, Beverlee

We need free speech but it need to be sensored so its not nasty

Comments provided by :
matkin, joy

A huge amount of political information and opinions comes to us online now. I need to know who is paying for and sponsoring these ads. Please require this information to to be posted online.

Comments provided by :
Matthews, Nancy

.Free speech is essential for all citizens of the USA according to our constitution. Please prevent the FEC from preventing a constitutional right. We shouldnt even be having this conversation!
You were elected to work for the people, now please do your job.

Comments provided by :
Matysak, Terry

Internet political ads must be forced to follow the same rules as print ads. Those paying for the ad must be clearly identified, and all other existing regulations covering print ads must apply.

Comments provided by :
Maxson , Tom

Transparency is critical to the American people. Without it information presented on television, social media, press and radio venues, from sources unknown, the public has no way of determining if the content is false, misleading or true. Russia played a horrific role in plastering lies using social media as their vehicle during the 2016 election and beyond. This wouldn't have happened if advertisers and social media posts were required by law to reveal who they are and who they represent.

We are having enough problems in our country today trying to determine truth from lies and now is the time to change it to ensure our country and our democracy is untainted by foreign influence, corruption and lies. This shouldn't be a hard decision, it's the obvious and right thing to do.

Comments provided by :
Maylone, Susan

Protect free speech on the Internet!

Free speech is a Constitutional right no matter where it occurs!

Comments provided by :
Maynard, Annemarie

Please protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
McCarthy, Robert

Protect our, and your, first amendment Freedom of Speach rights. Remember, what you do to the general popular will also be applicable to you, your friends and family as well.

Protect us all, its the American Way. A government of the people, by the people, for the people, not an interest group looking to monitor, manage and ultimately silence the people.

Comments provided by :

McCrrady, Len

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
mclemore, shawnee

We have a right to freedom of speech!!!

Comments provided by :
McPherson, Anthony

I wish to be kept informed of all political advertisement that comes to me. This should be done for everyone in the US. To not do this would be a destruction of our democracy.

Comments provided by :
McQueary, Anita

ii urge you to protect online free speech. It is unconscionable that prominent conservative speakers are increasingly a target for censorship.

Comments provided by :
McWhorter, Maude

Liberals seem very fearful of free speech for all & very determined to take away the free speech of conservatives.
Please protect my Constitutional rights by protecting free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Mead, Gary

Sir/Madam:

Please know that I support net neutrality. Users deserve to know who is paying for ads on sites like Facebook and Twitter, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Also revised transparency rules should reflect how most people communicate and see ads in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online. Finally social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but the public needs the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Meek

Comments provided by :
Meek, David

This is not acceptable

Comments provided by :
MEININGER, JOHN

Please write your comment here.protect all 1st amendment rights!!!

Comments provided by :
Melvin, Charles

Impeach or arrest trump and all hos cronies now! They are a disgrace and a danger to America and the world! get them out now!

Comments provided by :
Mendousa, Tony

Protect free speech online. This is a first Amendment. How dare any unelected bureaucrat take away our enumerated rights under the Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Messier, Parke

Please realize the importance of protecting our freedom of speech and do not allow online censorship. The ability to hear other points of view no matter how much we disagree and defend their right to speak makes our country different then other nations and has made us strong and great. You have been entrusted with this defense of our principles. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Middleton, Bruce

Don't try to undermine my constitutional rights and silence my voice! Thats why I oppose the pressuring of the FEC to regulate speech online. Dont let that happen. I demand the FEC protect online free speech right now. Protect the Constitution and protect online free speech today.
For Freedom,

Comments provided by :
Miller, Don

Dear Senator Isakson,

Please stop any attempt to allow control of the internet. This is an invasion of privacy and against our First Amendment rights.

Comments provided by :

Miller, June

I ask you to please understand that many different people voted for you to have this privilege please understand that our freedom in America is for everyone not just a small group. Thank you

Comments provided by :
Minter, Elizabeth

Please keep our free speech free!!

Comments provided by :
Mitchell, Ralph

Free speech most important, must be kept at all costs.Please write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
Moore, gary

Please protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Moreno, Delma

Please do everything that you can to protect our free speech on line and not allow a few big companies to control what we say and what we read.

Comments provided by :
MORGAN, Freda

Please take action to require online political advertisements to include disclaimers on who paid for them. While TV and print ads already have this requirement, online advertisers have been free to "self-regulate" and they've done a very poor job.

More than three in four Americans ? 78 percent ? want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms. That includes 80 percent of Republicans and 82 percent of Independents.

Comments provided by :
MORGAN, GEORGIA

PROTECT OUR INTERNET RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH.

Comments provided by :
Morgan, Joseph

All United States citizens deserve the right of free speech. Please do your job and protect that right.

Comments provided by :
morgan, Terry

Please don't mess with Online Speech, FREE Speech is protected by the CONSTITUTION

Comments provided by :
Morgan, William

Please protect free speech!

Comments provided by :
Morrison, David

Do please protect our right to free speech on the internet.
With so much confusion and PC police, and just other
"crats" trying to limit our right of free speech but allowing
others bullying to keep people like me from expressing
my thoughts and views. Please support our need os
having free speech online. Thank you

Comments provided by :
Mortensen, Dorothy

Our country needs strong campaign disclosure rules. Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see ads online. The FEC must provide enforceable regulations. Voluntary actions by companies like Facebook and Twitter are not sufficient.

Comments provided by :
Mossar, Dena

Please allow the internet to regulate itself, just as we do in the real world. Curtailing speech on the internet seems no different than to do so in real life, and has dangerous implications.

Comments provided by :
Moyer, Daniel

The Constitution promises FREE SPEECH! Protect that RIGHT for all Americans - right & left. The American people should be free to be heard, whatever their opinions.
Don't lose that freedom!!!

Comments provided by :
Mueller, Barbara

do not silence are free speech

Comments provided by :
mustard, tiffany

Sirs, I am very concerned about corruption in our voting system and would like to know why the FEC has not opened an investigation into Democratic Party for obstructing party support during his campaign. We saw emails that revealed open defiance of monetary and vocal support for a Democratic party candidate by the Democratic party, and new information has revealed that the candidate of choice was fixed before the election in the favor of Hillary Clinton. Was anything done to investigate Donna Brazile for providing debate questions to CNN so that Clinton had an unfair advantage and are you going to investigate these solid claims? Other than being fired from her position of head of the DNC, is anyone going to investigate Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and others who carried out this atrocious act against our Democratic processes? I am no Sanders fan, but process should not be such that candidates can be subverted so that one can win. We saw the same efforts being made among the Republican Party leadership against Donald Trump, even though their plans did not work - the process reaks of no oversight, lack of transparency, and lack of consequences. There is no reason to have an FEC if you're not going to be gate keepers of a legitimate election process. People are watching, people are waiting for those in charge to start taking action against those who are undermining the sacred right we have for voting. Get off your keesters and do your jobs.

Comments provided by :
Nagel, Michele

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Comments provided by :
neale, priscilla

Please support the US Constitution by protecting Free Speech in America. We all have the constitutional right to free speech.

DO NOT restrict our speech in any way!

Comments provided by :

Nelson, Douglas

I realize how fast society is changing and keeping up with new technology can be difficult. However, it is more than appalling to realize a foreign country was willing to try & affect our internal elections, and managed to reach so many people through social media.

I understand now why so much controversial & divisive content was always showing up in my newsfeed. My true concern is how all that content has continued to promote so many divisions within our society as a Direct result.

Sadly, many people don't realize or don't want to admit they may have been manipulated. Unless we wish to sell our democratic processes to the highest bidder, it is incumbent upon us to Stop this type of activity here and now.

We also need to be More Responsible in teaching our citizens how to recognize when they are being manipulated, and how to think for themselves, rather than just follow and believe anything we read.

Thank you

Comments provided by :
Nelson, Valerie

Stop trying to control our speech.

Comments provided by :
New, Kevin

Protect the constitution and free speech

Comments provided by :
Newton, Sharon

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information. Yet our outdated transparency rules, which still include references to telegrams and typewriters, don't require adequate disclosure for online ads.

Americans have a right to know who is paying for political advertisements?whether it be organizations with ties to Russia or wealthy special interests here at home.

There is strong evidence Russian actors used social media platforms like Facebook to interfere with the 2016 election. We need to use every lever at our disposal ? including ending secret online political ads ? to prevent that from happening again, and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

Comments provided by :

Nickols, Alisha

To:F.E.C. Please protect the Constitution and online free speech rights we have. Please do not let take it away.

Comments provided by :
Nipper, Carroll

Please protect freedom of speech online

Comments provided by :
nordin, paulette

I believe we should be able to have free speech on line.

Comments provided by :
Norris, Dianne

Just as I must declare who I am as make comment about Internet Communication Disclaimers -- so should those who assert their opinion on issues and candidates. Anonymous speech is not protected by the 1st amendment just as falling yelling 'fire' n a crowded theater is not protected. I believe people can say what they want -- but they need to have the integrity to say it as themselves, and not hide or mislead about who they are.

Comments provided by :
Norskog, Marge

I am very worried about this countries direction.
Protect Free Speech

Comments provided by :
Norton, Larry

I want to see free speech protected. Too many freedoms have already been taken away from the individual. No more government overreach.

Comments provided by :
Oberbroeckling, Christina

Facebook Russian ads reach 126 million people. UPDATE YOUR DISCLOSURE RULES -- Get with it. I am 61 years old and never thought I would see what is happening with other Countries influencing our elections.

Comments provided by :
Oboyle, Desiree

Free speech and, most importantly government regulation free speech, is essential to our republic. Any and all government regulations or censorship is forbidden and cannot be allowed. People must be free and liberated from the chains of The State. People must be free to voice their own government unregulated opinions. Freedom is paramount, government regulation is a social engineering experiment that is unamerican. This proposed rule limits the freedom of individuals and therefore I oppose it. I kindly ask you to rule in the favor of Liberty.

Comments provided by :
OBrien, Jonathan

Please protect free speech online for all Americans.

Comments provided by :
OConnell, Tim

Please protect free speech both on internet & college campuses. It is our constitutional right

Comments provided by :
odonnell, Maureen

Protect free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Ollanketo, David

Please write your comment here..Just who are you guys? Do you work for Putin? Read the Constitution. Do NOT even think of stiffling free speech!!!!!!'

Comments provided by :
Olsen, Edward

Please allow us to write and also watch what others say and think about current topics. Even if it is NOT politically correct. If we don't like it, or are offended, we can just delete it on our computer and go some where else. Please remember that the Constitution DOES NOT Guarantee that we will not be offended by something others say or even believe. All have the same right to share their beliefs. Therefore, we have the right to 'turn them off', but it all needs to be with RESPECT.

Comments provided by :
Olson, Sylvia

Protect free speech. don't regulate.

Comments provided by :
Orr, Joseph

Protect free speech online! It is our constitutional right!

Comments provided by :
Ortega, Elizabeth

Misrepresentation in political advertising - misinformation, divisive and false accusations; these posts can only damage our democracy. It sets a dangerous precedent in our electoral process. It weakens our government.

Comments provided by :
Ortega, Lorraine

it's time to pass legislation making it illegal to deny persons their First Amendment Right of Free Speech on Social Media Networks. This is an attack on all Americans when a company can decide that those with opposing political views will be silenced. The very same companies defend online abusers of women and children as acts of FREE SPEECH. It's time to take action to ensure ALL people have the same and equal right to Free Speech.

Comments provided by :
Osborne, Karen

All ads, regarding issues relevant to any election, need to have full disclosure on who is paying for the ad. Having our electoral process tampered with, by foreign powers, is a reality that needs to be addressed! Transparency is necessary!

Comments provided by :
Ostertag , Amy

There should be full disclosure required for on line political ads.

Russia's trolling Facebook ads reached over 126 million people during the 2016 elections -- specifically targeting swing states Trump won narrowly like Wisconsin and Michigan.

Here's the scary part: Voters head to the polls in several states today, and we have no idea if they've been spammed or influenced by Russia once again again -- and we won't without real transparency on who's paying for online ads.

That's because the Federal Election Commission, which is responsible for writing disclosure rules, hasn't updated them in years. That's the bad news. The good news is that they're taking public comments -- and they need to hear from Americans like you.

Please join me and Common Cause (whose board I chair) in telling the Federal Election Commission we want full disclosure about who's paying for online ads.

Comments provided by :

Paladin, John

Save our free speech

Comments provided by :
Parker, Olin

We need and require ABSOLUTE transparency regarding online advertisements!!! Stop selling our country to foreign agents sabotaging American elections!!!!

Comments provided by :
Patsiga, Lynn

Hello,

Please make Google and Facebook and Apple and all others disclose the nature of the ads that they are forcing on me.

We need more transparency!

Thank you

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Comments provided by :
Patton, E

Freedom of speech is a granted in our Constitution, therefore you do not have the right to restrict it when you don't agree.

Comments provided by :
Paul, Michael

PIPROTECT MY RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH ON THE INTERNET AND EVERY WHERE.ease write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
PEASE, RONALD

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :

Peled, Guy

Founders of America determined that free speech was a privilege that should be fought for. Many have died to preserve our rights. Please continue to do so with courage and determination.

Comments provided by :
Penrod, Lynette

Please write your comment here.it is my constitutional right to have free speech. Inside my home, outside my house, on my phone, online. Anywhere. Protect and keep me free, and my freedom of speech online.

Comments provided by :
Perkins, Chad

We greatly value our freedom of speech and will like our forefathers, will fight to defend it and the rest of our constitution.

Comments provided by :
Perry, Frances

On behalf of myself,

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

I believe after all the things we are learning about the past election cycle that these ads should have transparency so an average user like myself can judge the contents fairly.

Since money changes hands for these ads, I am not sure the ad-deployers of these ads care one way or the other.

Please make things right where we can once again determine validity of political ads,

Sincerely,

Rich Pershell

Comments provided by :

Pershell, Richard

please do not pass regulation restricting our free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Petersen, Bryce

Protect online free speech.

Protect the Bill of Rights.

Comments provided by :
Petrovich, Mike

Please protect online free speech. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Petzold, Tracy

Free speech applies to BOTH sides !

Comments provided by :
Pierce, James

My opinion and my right to express it verbally and in writing is guaranteed by our Constitution regardless if my opinion is the same as every one else. That is one of the great things about being an American. I can express myself without fear of retribution. Free speech is my guaranteed right. Do not take away my right to express myself online, or anywhere!

Comments provided by :
Polasik, Leah

Please write your comment here. please protect the Constitution and our right of free speech. One of the most important places where that is necessary is on the Internet. Protect our online free speech.

Comments provided by :
Polkabila, Judith

Please write your comment here.Stand strong for our freedom of speeches

Comments provided by :
Potter, James

Protect free speech online! No regulations to suppress our constitutional rights.

Comments provided by :
Price, Dale

Leave the internet alone. Free speech/free internet.

Comments provided by :
prinzi, Samuel

I'm sending this message to ask you to please protect ALL online free speech for EVERYONE.

Comments provided by :

Raber, Barbara

It is very obvious to almost anyone with any brains that the Russian Government interfered with our election. This must NEVER happen again. The American public has a right to know who is paying for all political ads. This has to include all the social media sites, as well as TV, print, and radio ads.

Over 80% of the republicans and independent voters want disclosure. Of course all the Democrats want disclosure. This is our right to be informed voters!

Thank You,

Nancy and Bob Rader

Ps I can speak for a postcard group of about 15 ladies too!

Comments provided by :

Rader, Nancy

It's obvious that the 2016 Presidential election was influenced by Kremlin lies. We need transparency, so let's make mandatory disclosure of political ads, and make evil accountable.

Comments provided by :
Radolinski, John

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online. Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Ramirez, Jackie

Please Do not mess with the internet. Keep in in the private sector. Washing DC only destroys what the private sector produces. Stay away.

Respectfully,

Pat Rawlings

Kentucky Voter

Comments provided by :

Rawlings, Pat

The meaning of the message changes when you know who is paying for it! If you do not know who sent the message you really cant figure out the intent/meaning.

Don?t let Putin and his allies interfere in American elections again. Require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them ? just like what is done for television and print advertisements. Americans deserve transparent information about who is paying for communication with a goal of influencing their votes.

Comments provided by :
Rea, Ann

I hold you responsible to protect free speech even if it is only online. It is our constitutional right, and your constitutional duty to defend free speech. Please do this for all Americans including yourself!

Comments provided by :
Reddick, Larry

Stand up & protect free speech! If you take it away, you better take it away from everybody but you better not take it away from anybody!

Comments provided by :
Redman, David

I am writing out of concern to require disclosure of who is purchasing political ads in social media. The public now understands that Russia was behind the purchase of ads to influence voters in the 2016 election and it is imperative that purchases should be disclosed publicly. Social media companies need to be held responsible as they are functioning in a capacity akin to the traditional media. Requiring disclosure of ad purchase is one step that needs to be take. I would also recommend it be made illegal for ANY ads to be purchased and listed on social media a month prior elections. Electioneering cannot take place in person and it needs to be extended to social media.

Comments provided by :
Reed, Denise

Americans have a right to know who is trying to influence our votes and opinions.

That's why it's unsettling to learn how Russian agents used fake accounts to pay for online political ads during the 2016 election -- targeting voters in key swing states to push conspiracy theories and stoke social unrest. It's just the latest example of their attempts to influence and undermine our democracy.

According to Facebook, millions of people saw the Russian-funded ads that it hosted. We should have known more, in real-time, about who was behind those ads. That's why we need better transparency rules to know who is paying for online ads. Disclosure helps to protect our right to know who's trying to influence our votes. We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Reffruschinni, Rae Lynn

Allow free speech for this may be the only means of getting information to the masses.

Comments provided by :
Reitz, Mary

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information.

Yet our outdated transparency rules ? which still include references to telegrams and typewriters ? don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads.

More than three in four Americans ? 78 percent ? want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms (according to a new Marist poll).

That includes 80 percent of Republicans and 82 percent of Independents.

I call on the FEC to act immediately to update regulations and require online political ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them.

Richard Remington

Comments provided by :
Remington, Richard

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. Not doing so is putting our democracy in peril. As a citizen, I have a right to know who is paying for online political ads, especially when that money is coming from a foreign government whose intention it is to destabilize our democratic institutions and influence the outcome of our elections.

As now clearly evident, the 2016 elections were rigged with foreign money playing a key role. We need to use every lever at our disposal to prevent meddling in our elections from happening again and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information. This shift in how people get their news cannot be ignored any longer. We must update our transparency rules to remove references to telegrams and typewriters and updated to include online advertisements.

Moreover, 78 percent of Americans want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms. That includes 80 percent of Republicans and 82 percent of Independents. It is time you do your jobs and defend our democracy!

Christopher Renner

Comments provided by :
Renner, Christopher

Please protect our free speech rights on line. All opinions should be permitted to. Be aired and discussed without
censure.

Comments provided by :
Replogle, Charles

Americans need full disclosure of who is paying for ads!!!

Comments provided by :
Rice, Barbara

This whole thing is idiotic...and must not be allowed to happen

Comments provided by :
Riemensperger, Ralph

We must make our country safe again from the threat of outside influence. It is obvious that Russia hacked our 2016 election and we must never let this happen again. There are too many ignorant people in our country (sadly and unfortunately) that don't know how to discern a reliable and accurate source. I served as a teacher and research librarian for over 23 years so I am saying this from experience.

Comments provided by :
Riggs, Claudia

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced

Comments provided by :

Rikard, Bradley

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Russia decided our fate with the presidential election. Now we are suffering for it.

Comments provided by :
Ripoll, Michelle

Protect my first amendment rights online.

Comments provided by :
Ritchie, Ryan

Please Please do your job and protect our Constitution and Bill of (God given) Rights. Freedom of Speech is very important and the leftists are perverting it. We need to get our wonderful country back on a constitutional course and it's your job to see to it. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Robeson, Neville

Free speech is free speech, leave it alone!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
Robinson, Harry

Please protect online free speech. Liberals are trying to destroy free speech, by violence and other means.

Comments provided by :
Robinson, Scott

The 1st Amendment protects our right to free speech-whether online or not! Do not allow out of control leftist radicals muzzle us and deprive us from our right to freedom of speech online

Comments provided by :
Rodriguez, Alberto

Dont let the Antifa fascists and other left wing radicals try to shut down conservative speakers . I am urging you to protect online free speech right now.

Comments provided by :
Roeber, Nancy

Please protect 1st Amendment rights in all venues!

Comments provided by :
Roseberry, Christa

to whom it may concern:

i am writing to you regarding the absolute need for transparency in online political ads.

it is my understanding that around ten million facebook users may have seen ads sponsored by "interested parties" which could have influenced their votes. we all know this is nothing new, but that does not make it ethical. all social media users have the right to know, in real time, who is who is paying for ads online, including disclaimers, so they can make informed, intelligent decisions.

although social media companies like Facebook and Twitter state that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users, the FEC needs to provide regulations that can actually be enforced. as a voting citizen who cares deeply about the moral direction of this country, i urge you to do the right thing.

thank you for receiving my comments.

sincerely,
Erin Ross

Comments provided by :
Ross, Erin

do not interfere with my first amendment rights.

Comments provided by :
Rosshirt, Joseph

Social media is extremely powerful and must be made transparent as to who is funding the material we are exposed to. There is something about seeing an image on a screen that affects the brain in a very subtle and profound manner - we all need to see in bold print who is paying for the ads.

Comments provided by :
Rust, Judith

Please protect the constitution and our online free speech.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Comments provided by :
Sander, John

Do not take away our freedom of speech over the internet. All voices must be heard even if you do not agree with each other!!!!

Comments provided by :
Sathern, Donald

We the public absolutely need to know the source of funding on all political ads in all social media platforms. FCC need to step up and require social media companies to reveal who paid for this ad. We will have a better informed public that makes better decisions.

Thank you!

Comments provided by :

Sava, Genti

We as citizens demand you protect our freedom of speech all the time and every time!

Comments provided by :
Schilling, Gerard

PLEASE PROTECT FREE SPEECH FOR ALL, BUT NOT VIOLENCE!!

Comments provided by :
Schisler, Karl

.Protect my rights to free speech whether it be online news sources or internet radio. I think you're already playing keep away with my news sources. Stop it!!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
schmidt, bill

Please, no new regulations. Your job is to protect online free speech.

Comments provided by :
Schmitt, Robert

If radicals and hoodlums can express their views and destroy public property so should conservatives be able to be protected when expressing their views. Our forefathers put the 1st amendment in to assure our freedom of speech & protect us from tyranny. The FEC job is to protect our rights to free speech. Do your job!!! Stop being political correct do your job to uphold our Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Schoenleb, Joanne

I am holding you responsible to uphold my first amendment rights. It is fundamental. I will be watching and voting based on these convictions.

Comments provided by :
Schram, Jean

please do not restrict freedom of speech thru the airwaves and on campuses.

Comments provided by :
Schrattwieser, Donna

Please protect free speech online. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Schrider, Clint

Please protect our freedom of speech on line! I believe in free speech and so not want to see any more of our freedoms eroded

Comments provided by :
Schroeder, Rita

i am a 100% disabled Vietnam Veteran, i have seen very brave men die fighting for the freedoms we have in our Country, anything that even suggests taking any of our freedoms away is insulting these brave men and women and there families, so please do not continue to try to limit our free speech. I and everyone i know have been spreading this info on the attack against our freedoms to everyone we come into contact with. So please do the right thing and stop trying to limit our free speach

Comments provided by :
Sciarretti, Louis

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Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :

scott, travis

Please regulate internet ads. Please reinstate the Fairness Doctrine for coverage of all electoral politics -- state, federal, local -- on radio, TV, and on the Internet.

Comments provided by :
SEFCOVIC, ENID

In order for free and un-mainpulated elections we need to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

We need FEC to regulate and enforce revised transparency rules to ensure people are not manipulated into voting a certain way.

Comments provided by :
Semsrott, Birgit

It's High Time The Far Left Communist Are Put Out Of Business And For FEC To Protect Free Speech Online.. We Have Had Enough.

Comments provided by :
Sensenbrenner, Mary

We have no idea if we've been spammed or influenced by Russia once again again in our elections -- and we won't without real transparency on who's paying for online ads. It's time for updated disclosure rules.

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Serling, Caye

Freedom of speech is exactly what it means...Free to say what a person feels weather or not you agree...like Homosexuality is perverse...don't like that...to bad...it is perverse.ease write your comment here.

Comments provided by :
Sexton, Michael

My speech is guaranteed under our constitutional rights upon this country being formed. I am offended that you think you should be able to regulate Free Speech!! As Speech on line should be just as unregulated as any other form of communication regardless of "who owns the site, such as Facebook." I expect any US Legislator to protect our rights to Free Speech at all times! Anything less is supporting a Fascist, Communist Criminals who want to overturn our society for their own benefit. I expect you to be ZEALOUS IN YOUR DEFENSE OF OUR RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH IN ALL U.S. FORUMS.

Comments provided by :
Shannahoff-Khalsa, David

No matter if it's organizations with ties to Russia or wealthy special interests at home, Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

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We need to use every lever at our disposal ? including ending secret online political ads ? to prevent that from happening again, and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them ? just like is done for television and print advertisements.

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information.

Yet our outdated transparency rules ? which still include references to telegrams and typewriters ? don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads.

The FEC should require online ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them.

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The FEC should act immediately to put forward updated regulations that require online campaign ads to include disclaimers letting people know who is funding them, just like television and print ads.

Comments provided by :
Shephard, Allison

We deserve to know who is paying for ads on sites like Facebook and Twitter, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see ads in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Sherman, David

Americans deserve to know who is paying for ads online with online disclaimers in real time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising including online advertising.

Social media companies such as Facebook and Twitter need FEC regulations that can be enforced to make sure all advertising disclosures are current.

Comments provided by :
Shorett, Susan

Please write your comment here. Like it or not ,the
right to free speak is a constitutional right .
Do not try to take this right away. It will only come back to bite you in the ass later.

Comments provided by :
Shultz, Larry

freedom of speech should not be hindered on or off the internet except in cases of shouting fire in a theater! Opinions differ on what is right, wrong, hate, etc. it does not matter. We have a constitution right to freedom of speech and the internet, service providers, social media sites, etc should NEVER be able to silence people unless it meets the standard as set by law decades and decades ago. PERIOD!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
Silveira, Sherri

Dear FEC, As a constitution and freedom of speech loving citizen of the United States I am imploring you to stand for the hard won freedoms of America's people! Guard our right to speak freely of our beliefs which have for some time now, been under extreme attack by those who say what they hate about this nation and want to silence those who LOVE and SUPPORT what America is known for: Freedoms that absolutely did not come freely! Please consider your actions and who you support, which comes at a cost should you mistakenly attempt to silence freedom and constitution loving American Citizens! Bless you and thank you for reading this letter!

Comments provided by :
Singer, Deborah

Protect our right to free speech.

Comments provided by :
Singleton, Pam

Leave our 1st Amendment rights be! Leave the internet free speech for all!

Comments provided by :
Sintic, Donald

PLEASE protect our rights to free speech, also on line radio,news, keep your nose out of Americans business!

Comments provided by :
Sizemore, Rodney

Protect free speech online. We don't need any thought police - get a job that doesn't involve infringing on my free speech rights.

Comments provided by :
Skranak, James

Protect free speech. Protect and uphold the US Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Smith, David

Christian values are in all major religions and philosophies. However, when they are spoken about in public using the verbiage of faith, they are censored in America. Please stop this practice. Allow all voices equal protection and the courtesy extended to non Christian expressions.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Johnda

Please keep free speech "Free" on the internet. Do not allow anyone to remove ANY SPEECH! !f someone doesn't like something they do not have to read it! Do not turn the USA into the USSR!

Comments provided by :
Smith, Margaret

I am requesting that you protect online free speech for ALL. Conservative view points need to be heard as well as Liberal view points. All sides should be able to voice their view points online through all the various social media outlets without fear of being shut out. If the Liberal side is given the opportunity to speak their opinions; then the same courtesy should be given to the Conservative side; and visa-versa.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Melissa

In the wake of the news of Russian interests on advertising for key swing states through social media, ensuring that the American people have the right to who is behind the ads that they see. Not just on mass social media sites, but small sites as well. The freedom of being able to track the party responsible for exposing you to content allows for greater vigilance of the internet in general. This availability to track not only criminals, but business as well allows for a free and open internet to thrive. It also can hold businesses responsible for not screening who is buying their ad space.

Overall, the amount of effort to provide this information to the public pales in comparison to the benefit that we all gain from having it. As you consider this measure, please look beyond the immediate political motivations and consider other long term effects (both good and bad) on having this information easily accessible.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Nathan

I am 74 years old. The internet has, like the printing press centuries ago, given mankind a power of communication beyond dreams. No regulatory body should stand against free speech, nor interfere in the ability to speak our minds. Please leave us to pursue open, unregulated, free speech.

Comments provided by :
Smith, Patricia

I am a vet who served that free speech and the American way can never be denied. That includes free speech on the internet as well. See to it that you will protect those rights.

Comments provided by :
smolak, Stephen

The last I looked this is supposed to be a free country. This censorship of free speech and monitoring everything we think or say seems reminiscent of what has happened in Communist countries and that never ended well for the populace,did it?

Comments provided by :
Solinsky, Jeannette

Please protect my freedom of speech online.....we need to have a way to be heard!

Comments provided by :
Speiser, Sharon

No government agency should violate the Constitution's guarantee of free speech in the First Amendment. Any rules or regulations based on content are unlawful and cannot be tolerated. Please do not violate the First Amendment.

Comments provided by :
Spiker, Andreas

Americans have a right to free speech, even if you don't like what we have to say. CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS & NBC have been limiting speech for years, not allowing the American people to hear both sides of an issue. What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Comments provided by :
Spoor, Cindy

The majority of U.S. citizens want the FEC to require online campaign ads to include disclosures about who is paying for them, exactly the same as print and TV ads.

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It is very important for our republic: 65% of Americans said the internet, or an online platform as their leading source of information in the 2016 election!

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. We know the Russian government used Facebook and social media platforms to interfere with the 2016 election. What is the FEC doing about that??

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A recent Marist poll found that more than three in four Americans ??78 percent ??want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms.

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We want the FEC to put forward updated regulations ASAP that require online campaign ads to announce who is funding them. Thank you for your help.

Irl Stalcup
Oceanside, CA 92057

Comments provided by :
Stalcup, Irl

Transparency in advertising in ALL media is essential to our democracy. Russian influence in the 2016 election was unacceptable and can?t happen again. Please update regulations ASAP. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Stanford, Tracy

Get out of our lives!

Comments provided by :
Stanton, Joe

I would like to know who is paying for advertising in real time.

Comments provided by :
steates, ollie

Americans must follow the Declaration of Independence and Constitution! If you haven't read and understand these please go to Hillsdale College and listen to what they have to say.

Comments provided by :
Stewart, James

Stand up to fascism and protect free speech!

Comments provided by :
Stock, Philip

Real Simple ... Protect Free Speech Onlilne ... Don't make changes with our Constitution ... Keep it Simple Don't take our freedom for Free Speech Online away from us !!!!!

Comments provided by :
Stover, Lee

Please protect the first amendment!

Comments provided by :
Stowell, Linda

This is a National Security issue.

It is my opinion that "all news" media outlets should be held legally and financially accountable for the veracity of the content that they publish as news. Currently this has not been happening, there has been no visible effort by the Federal government to prosecute those outlets that knowingly are promulgating false information as news.

To address the problems we've been seeing with the social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook, these companies are basically providing a self publishing service that many people are treating as news sources. The companies can sidestep their responsibility by claiming that they are not news sources. There is a need to regulate what is getting published as news, and especially political advertisements. With respect to the political advertising whoever publishes an ad on Facebook or Twitter or its ilk, should first disclose that it is a paid political add, paid for by XYZ, and the social media outlet that is receiving the payment for publishing the add, should be held accountable for verifying that the information required to be shared, is correct.

If we can't figure out a way to manage this then we should just ban all political ads on social media all together.

Do not let the social media companies, regulate themselves!

Comments provided by :
Stratford, Jeff

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time. Revised transparency rules should reflect how we see advertising nowadays, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :

Stroh, Ken

Hello,

Please, keep the First Amendment for American Citizens FREE and protected from opposing interest groups' censorship on the internet, radio and TV. (A few should not have power over all. Founding Fathers said something to that effect, yes?)

Respectfully,

An American Voter

Comments provided by :

Strong, Melissa

Protect on line free speech according to constitution. Liberals are shutting do conservative voices on public college campuses. Not acceptable

Comments provided by :
Stroud, Leslie

Protect the Constitution. Protect online free speech!

Comments provided by :
Stuart, Jon

Please write your comment here. please protect our constituents & our on line free speech

Comments provided by :
Stubblefield, Katie

Net fairness and other such euphemisms are a back door route to censorship. Those pushing for such legislation are almost exclusively for big government socialism, and have little respect for free speech.

Comments provided by :
Stutz, Doug

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Please protect the American people and our democracy, do not protect cheaters and foreign criminals.

Comments provided by :
Sugierski, Doreen

Freesom of speech is one of the most fundamental freedoms that our constitution protects. Please, do not bend to those attempting to silence one side. If you do, neither side will be allowed to be heard. Keep America free. Protect our right to free speech. Defend and support the United States Constitution.

Comments provided by :
Sullivan, Annie

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Brandy Sullivan

Comments provided by :
Sullivan, Brandy

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

I want to know in real time who is paying for political ads. Look what happened to this country since the presidential elections. We got stuck with Donald Trump and who knows how long it will take to recover from the damage he's done!!!!

Comments provided by :
sutherland, pat

Do not restrict free speech on the internet. That would violate the constitution. Thank you for your consideration.

Comments provided by :
Sutton, Russ

Please protect our postings & speech on the internet.

Thank you

Comments provided by :
Swanson, Donna

We must have full disclosure of who is paying for ads! Keep Russia out of US politics! Protect US!

Comments provided by :
Sweet, Cynthia

Online ads need to disclose their sponsors/payers for the public to know the source and bias of the ad. This is required for print and tv ads, there needs to be updated regulations to include new technologies. Thank you for updating these regulations to keep the public informed!

Comments provided by :
Tarrant , Bridget

Fight the Democrats attempt to control every aspect of our lives. Show some backbone for a change. It won't hurt as much as you think.

Comments provided by :
Taylor, Charles

PLEASE PROTECT FREE SPEECH ON LINE NOW!!

Comments provided by :
Temple, Kay

Make it obligatory to post the person paying for the online ad with the ad itself.

Comments provided by :
Thayer, Penny

Dear Sir,

Any attempt to regulate my free speech on-line will be considered a violation of my first amendment right as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America! Please stop considering this intrusion!

Comments provided by :

Thomas, Bill

This is a direct assault on our first amendment. Free speech is the foundation of a free society, right or wrong it is up to the reader to decide what news he wants to view.

Comments provided by :
Thomas, Dorothy

My understanding is new regulations are being considered to limit free speech online. This must not proceed and would invade our Constitutional right of free speech!

Comments provided by :
Thomas, Mitchell

Please protect free speech for EVERYONE. We are all citizens and deserve equal opportunity (and safe opportunity as well). Conservatives are not being given a fair shake and should not be afraid or in danger when speaking. Thank you.

Comments provided by :
Tisdale, Maxine

We, the American people, have a right to transparency of funding for political ads and the right to be shown with little or no effort the validity and credibility of a political ad and it's funding. This is vital to our democracy, the lack of control and allowance of rampant foreign propoganda is unacceptable.

Comments provided by :
Tito, Nicholas

No more tedious regulations that have as their intended purpose the curtailing of free speech on the internet!

Comments provided by :
Tobin, Lorette

Please protect and defend the Constitution ! Protect our free speech rights.

Comments provided by :
Tompkins, Michael

Online ads are designed to influence viewers' opinions, so transparency is essential--viewers must see who is behind the ad! The information must be on the ad when it is viewed, and the FEC must make sure that it is. Voluntary agreements by social-media companies like Facebook and Twitter are totally inadequate. The FEC must update its rules to cover social media, and IT MUST ENFORCE THEM. Viewers should not be bamboozled by anonymous ads. We demand transparency, and the FEC needs to demand and enforce it as well.

Comments provided by :
Tornheim, Susan F.

Internet advertisements for political parties and candidates are just as far-reaching and valid as any other kind of advertisement, and should be just as transparent about their monetary sources. The American public should absolutely be able to access this information quickly and easily.

Comments provided by :
Toussaint, Paul

Please do not limit American citizens freedom of speech on the internet. According to the U.S. Constitution, we have this freedom to speak our minds without fear of being silenced and without fear of repercussions.

Comments provided by :
Trevino, Patricia

Please update rules to require REAL disclosure on online ads. We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real time. We need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :
Troshak, Edward

In no way should free speech be restricted on the internet, and certainly not along party lines. Protect our rights to free speech at every opportunity, whether liberal or conservative, moderate or otherwise.

Comments provided by :
Tsohantaridis, Valerie

DO NOT undermine our Constitution! On line speech albeit anonymous & sometimes very raunchy and offensive must be preserved as should all speech. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Let's keep it that way.

Comments provided by :
Turnblom, Paul

Please write your comment here.please protect free speech on line.

Comments provided by :
Turner, Barbara

Please protect our free speech everywhere, including online. Our freedoms are at stake. Please make certain that we keep them. Thank you for your hard work!

Comments provided by :
twitchell, vivian

After the debacle of our last presidential election we need transparency more than ever. As citizens we have a right to know who is trying to influence us in voting a particular way. Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online. Social media was bombarded with political posts from nefarious sources posing as credible ones and helped sway the election. This should be prevented from reoccurring.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced. Saying and achieving are two different things. With new, firm regulations they are more apt to do a thorough job in not on planning them but implementing them. Please~ We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Comments provided by :
Tyler, Victoria

Do Not regulate Americans' speech online.

Comments provided by :
Vaughn, William

Online ads should absolutely contain information identifying the groups that are funding them. and Ideally, the groups that are funding them should be tracked back to who is really funding them. The Internet is the 21st century's newspapers and television. they need to adhere to the same standards and rules as other media. And by the way, those rules need to be tightened and provide more detail. It is necessary to know who is funding a political ad in order to evaluate its veracity, motivation and bias.

Comments provided by :

verde, jess

Please write your comment here.

Please return your blue slips. You Let the constitutional process proceed.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :

Voss, Shirley

Please protect online free speech!

Comments provided by :
Wagner, Diane

Any new regulations would ultimately work to silence my and other voices and undermine our constitutional rights. Please consider the 1st Amendment and all the voices in America when making your decisions.

Comments provided by :
Wahe, Cynthia

In light of the hostile meddling in our elections by Russia, there are a number of actions I call upon the FEC to make:

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Democracy is nearly impossible without an informed citizenry. Make sure we have the information we need to make positive choices.

Comments provided by :

Walker, Matt

Please protect free speech online...

Comments provided by :
Walker, Thomas

My whole message was erased when I tried to correct on mistake and went back. I have lost my eloquence such as it was but will just say this: your Commission's job is to work to assure that communications are clear and informative with the goal that anything dealing with campaigns, issues, and elections is transparent. Over the years I have fought for sunshine on print and media ads. Now it seems that technology has so bypassed us that our 2016 elections were hacked. Maybe American technicians are just not as good as those from other countries, but you must set standards to repair the damage done to the trust we have in those whose job it is to protect the sanctity of our elections. Informed voters can make mistakes but mislead ones are put to the service of those who choose to mislead.

Disclose the money behind ads now that are online. Make it a clear disclaimer like the new California bill and give the voters a chance to make an informed decision about their lives. The wild West approach to the internet has failed now that our democracy has been breached. All voters on every side were betrayed and have lost trust in America's ability to fight the intrusion.

Your job is to restore that trust. If the Russians or French, or the Kochs or the unions are paying for the ad - that is their right. You must make it our right to be informed that they are behind the ad. Paid for by the NRA or Common Cause - plain and clear.

Let the sun shine on online ads!

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Comments provided by :
Wally, Liz

Please protect our free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Wanker, David

Please protect our free speech online.

Comments provided by :
Wanker, Rebecca

Please consider the role of free speech under our Constitution . This is a right without sides. If you restrict anything it should be threatening, profane, or treasonous in nature not just the dissenting views.

Comments provided by :
Washburn, Wadetta

Please write your comment here.Protect our 1st amendment rights to free speech!

Comments provided by :
Weber, Steven

Do not limit my communication. Get government out of my life.

Comments provided by :
Webster, Bill

Please protect our free speech online. It is a right guaranteed in the U. S. Constitution. I implore you. And I thank you for reading and considering my plea.

Comments provided by :
Weeks, Curtis

You have an obligation to protect the 1st amendment! The internet should not be regulated. We as Americans are smart enough to do our own research and due diligence and decide for ourselves what we agree and disagree with. The only speech worth protecting is the speech you disagree with. This is one of the founding principles our great nation. Dont you dare mess with what sets us apart from the rest of the world and makes us the freest nation on earth.

Comments provided by :
Weijland, Laura

Please protect our free speech on the internet.

Comments provided by :
Wenzel, Ronald

Conservatives have already been oppressed by IRS when applying for political tax status. We, as a group are now standing up for our opinions. Taking action to have input into our society. I do not want free speech regulated..

Comments provided by :
Wesselman, Deborah

"Free and Fair" election process is the foundation of what makes a democracy. That is practically by definition.

And yet our electoral processes have become so swamped with hidden money under the false guise of "free speech" that US elections have lost most of the trust by the voting citizens. It has become the sole property of the wealthy individuals and powerful corporate interests.

I believe that essentially, the United States of America is already a failing democratic republic, and that in fact it is already over 'except the singing'.

The FEC could, if it CHOSE to act in a manner consistent with the original ideals set forth by the constitution, begin to restore some measure of faith within the American citizenry.

1. We deserve and need to know WHO is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.
2. Transparency rules must be revised and modernized, and should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.
3. Social media companies (like Facebook and Twitter) say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced. The information we need is TOO IMPORTANT to trust to unenforceable 'promises' by companies.

Thank you for your time to consider my comments.

Comments provided by :
Westen, Marvin

Please protect my online free speech.

Comments provided by :
westhoven, paul

I request the FEC require online advertising to include disclaimers as to who is paying for the advertising, just like television and print. The vast majority of Americans want full disclosure for political advertising no matter what the media. Social media has become too important to not fall under the same requirements as television and print. Please act to safeguard our future elections.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :

Wheeler, Lynn

If you want to regulate Free Speech then tell NBC, CBS, CNN, and MSNBC to tell the truth and Stop fabricating the news.

Comments provided by :
White, Andy

You must protect free speech in America

Comments provided by :
White, Margie

Would it Be,To Much to adhere to the Constitution!

Comments provided by :
Whitewar, Haven

It is clear that a great majority of people in the United States use the internet, including Facebook and Twitter, and that Russia placed political ads and trolled social media sites in order to influence our 2016 elections. Other countries can do it too, and it will not stop unless measures are put in place to stop the infiltration of our social media by hostile governments for the furtherance of their own ends. It also appears that interactions on social media by hostile foreign governments aim to divide the citizens of the United States in order to make us weaker.

Therefore, it is imperative that the laws that govern the operations of internet sites, especially social media sites (such as Facebook and Twitter) be updated to prevent, as much as possible, any interference in our elections ever again. It is also important to ensure that our social media sites are not infiltrated in such a way that hostile entities are able to further stir up hostilities among the citizens of our country.

Although representatives of Google, Facebook, and Twitter have agreed to try to better control actions by hostile governments to influence our citizens, it must be made crystal clear to them that they must and **SHALL** take the steps necessary to insure that our citizens are not duped again by hostile foreign governments and individuals.

Strong laws are necessary. Please take action to insure those laws are instituted as soon as possible.

Comments provided by :
Whitley, Ann

I am writing this to inform you that I am opposed to any and all acts by the Radical Leftist Liberal Mentally Disordered Demoncratic Party! I am opposed to their actions against online Freedom of Speech! The SocioCommunitistic minded individuals are all unAmerican in everything they say and do!

It is your Sworn Duty to uphold My Constitutional Rights and I demand that you do so! My Tax .money pays you not the other way around so do your SWORN DUTY AND PROTECT THE FIRST AND 14TH AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND UPHOLD THE ENTIRE CONSTITUTION OF THIS NATION!!!!

Comments provided by :
Whitney, Robert

DEMAND to publically display who's paying for ads and every social media posting - with VERIFIABLE true facts of ownerships! This is a NO BRAINER!!!

Comments provided by :
Whittaker, Carolyn

We need transparency of advertisers in the media and social platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. Voters need to know who to believe and trust. Our country's future is in jeopardy if we allow propaganda to infiltrate.

Comments provided by :
Wicks, Vera

Protect my free speech that is now targeting conservatives voice, under the constitution.

Comments provided by :
Williamson, Barbara

Transparency is of utmost importance to free and fair elections. I support any effort to prevent foreign or otherwise malicious interests from interfering with or exerting undue influence on our election process.

Comments provided by :
Wisebaker, Michael

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information. Yet our outdated transparency rules, which still include references to telegrams and typewriters, don't require adequate disclosure for online ads.

Americans have a right to know who is paying for political advertisements?whether it be organizations with ties to Russia or wealthy special interests here at home.

There is strong evidence Russian actors used social media platforms like Facebook to interfere with the 2016 election. We need to use every lever at our disposal ? including ending secret online political ads ? to prevent that from happening again, and to ensure that Americans know the source of political messages.

Our democracy depends on robust, transparent debate. The FEC is the agency charged with making sure campaign finance rules are followed ? they should start working now to require the same level of transparency for online ads as we have for political ads on television.

Comments provided by :

Witthaus, Andrew

Russia's trolling Facebook ads reached over 126 million people during the 2016 elections -- specifically targeting swing states Trump won narrowly like Wisconsin and Michigan.

Here's the scary part: Voters head to the polls in several states today, and we have no idea if they've been spammed or influenced by Russia once again again -- and we won't without real transparency on who's paying for online ads.

The Federal Election Commission, which is responsible for writing disclosure rules, hasn't updated them in years. The good news is that the FEC taking public comments.

We want full disclosure about who's paying for online ads.

Comments provided by :
Wolf, Leah

All of you , when you were elected swore to uphold the Constitution, either protect our rights or quit and let someone stronger take your office.

Comments provided by :
Wolf, Owen

Stop Marxo-Fascist attacks on free speech online by the FEC!

Comments provided by :
Wood, Donald

We deserve to know who is paying for ads online, with online disclaimers, in real-time.

Revised transparency rules should reflect how we communicate and see advertising in the 21st Century, which is increasingly online.

Social media companies like Facebook and Twitter say that they are taking voluntary steps to provide this information to their users - but we need the FEC to provide regulations that can actually be enforced.

Comments provided by :

Wright, Mona

Leave my free speech alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Comments provided by :
Wylie, Terry

We are entitled to free speech.

Comments provided by :
Yamamoto, Lillian

Our country was founded on the premise of freedom of speech. The Leftists want to silence anyone who has an apposing point of view. We have seen how this has caused a lot of people groups in other countries get slaughtered for having a different point of view. Also the homosexual groups want to ram their point of view down our throats & don't want to listen to anyone who disagrees with them. They are also trying to suppress parent rights to push the Left's agenda onto school children who don't understand what the homosexual agenda is.

Comments provided by :

Zumsteg, Barbara