

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.

Arimenta Johnson

As a concerned voter, and a physician, I am appalled at the data handling and disclosures going on. In medicine, managing patient information is tightly regulated, and I am required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest prior to any presentation, talk, or manuscript submission. I fully believe the health of our democracy is just as important as the health of its citizens. We need better disclosures of who is behind these ads and who is paying for them, especially ads presented online and in non television or radio venues. It makes no sense that rules don't apply to a Facebook ad. In democracy, like medicine, sunlight is the best cure.

Dr. Robert Dood

I support a disclosure requirement for political advertising in all forms, as a hinderanance to misleading the public and to make foreign infiltration of our elections more difficult.

Mr. Jeffrey Mirsepasy

I am writing to support the new FEC rules requiring that online political advertisements disclose who purchased them. It is clear that people based in Russia meddled in the 2016 election and that voters may have been misled by political ads. Forcing ad buyers to disclose their identity would make it easier for social media users to verify whether or not they can trust the content of advertisements they encounter. Ideally, these disclaimers should appear directly in the body of the ad because many social media users read the content of an ad without actually clicking through.

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Mrs. Sarah Charles

RE Comment: Internet Communication Disclaimers and Definition of Public Communication

I strongly support the commission's proposed rules to update and refine current disclaimer regulations to include language more fitting for the technology and political landscape of 2018. I think the events of the 2016 election make it a matter of urgency and the utmost importance.

I support the proposed rule to add the language of "internet-enabled device or application" to the definition of "Public Communication." I say this because for the foreseeable future the one constant to every adaptation of technology is the connection of that device to the internet, or the ability of the device to connect to the internet. Additionally, I agree that there is an immediate need for greater clarity on the use of disclaimers for online media political adverts.

I think that, in order to avoid confusion or loopholes by which political committees could circumvent any new regulations, the terms "internet" and "video" and should be clearly defined and expanded upon. That is true for either proposal.

I think both options A and B have great potential for increasing the transparency and responsibility of online ads, but I think B has some drawbacks. As a user of the internet, and many apps, I am unlikely to click on an "adapted disclaimer" in order to find the true origin of the ad. Therefore, in my mind, having an adapted disclaimer is just as good as having no disclaimer. I think that if an adapted disclaimer is mandatory than a more lengthy description of what is needed, and an expanded definition of "clear and conspicuous" should be considered. While the design challenges that come with designing an app that both fits into the space of a small app and has a disclaimer may be lengthy, I think it is necessary.

Despite that, I think option B has more logical reasoning, as the internet is indeed a unique mode of communication, and should be regulated as such.

Sincerely,
Isaac Windes
Arizona

Alison Steffel
1135 W. 9th St.
Tempe, AZ 85281

Re: REG 2011-02 Internet Communication Disclaimers

Dear Commissioners:

This comment is submitted in response to the FEC's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on revising disclaimer regulations on Internet communication and online political advertisements. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I respectfully submit the following. As a college student and a young voter, I have seen the way that the Internet has influenced people of all ages especially regarding politics. With the plethora of information and videos from a wide-range of sources, disclosure of where these ads come from is incredibly important.

The definition of "public communication" needs to be revised and expanded. The definition has not been updated since 2006 and the Internet and its uses have evolved greatly in the last 12 years. Online video content needs to be held to the same standards as television ads, with "clear and conspicuous" disclosure and "stand by your ad" components stating authorization of messages as per the first alternative regarding video content.

With daily updates about Russia's interference in the 2016 election, it is time to be proactive and update the old regulations and definitions. Although the previous definition of public communication is still valid, Internet consumption has increased exponentially and now a majority of Americans depend on it to get their news. According to the Pew Research Center, 85% of adults now get their news on a mobile device and 67% get at least some news on social media.

The FEC should require Internet disclaimers on all paid political communication just as they would for television. Americans deserve to

know who is attempting to sway their decisions and votes, and how reliably they can trust that source. Foreign actors should no longer be able to influence our system or U.S. elections. The "clear and conspicuous" requirement should be enacted for all sponsored online political ads. The ads that are on the Internet are just as public and invasive as driving past a billboard, and should be held to the same scrutiny.

It does not make sense for Internet ads to be held to a lower standard than political ads in other forms. The lack of transparency in digital ads is a threat to national security, and needs to be dealt with.

Sincerely,

Alison Steffel

I am strongly in favor of complete disclosure for all paid political advertising. I am not in favor of allowing some forms to be exempt due to ?technical? issues. I believe that all advertisements need to have the full disclaimer included, with no need for the viewer/listener to take any action whatsoever in order to access that information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tim Jouet

The 2016 election was compromised, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Ms. Lois Riskin

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

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

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

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Please make sure that the American people can understand who is speaking to them.

Jill Godmilow

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Ms. Lauren Bond

The Federal Elections Commission should require online campaign ads to disclose who is paying for them -- as is required for TV and print political ads.

Mary Simons

I've been caught before and I have college degree, advanced professional licencing as a CPA, and an eye for things that don't jive...but unless the are **REQUIRED** to mark their ads as ads, they do a wonderful job of making it look like information or news, sometimes to big dollar losses. Protect the public and make ads disclose that they are ads.

Ms. Nancy Newlon

VOTERS NEED to KNOW who is sponsoring advertisements aimed at swaying their vote.

Linda Hoff

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William Sikora

In the name of protecting our democracy:

We now know dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Please provide the transparency needed to protect our democracy.

Thank you,
Jennifer Spencer

FEC: Why allow internet ads to disguise themselves as news articles?
Regulate the ads on the internet just as you do those in other media, on
behalf of the cognition of the American people!

Thank you.

Dimitra Zervopoulos

Port Washington, NY 11050

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Ms. Loretta DiTocco

Please take your oath seriously and do the right thing for the safety and security of our great country. There is NO legitimate reason NOT to require campaign ad disclosures UNLESS you're trying to hide something from the voters. Do the right thing!

Ms. Cathy James

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Mr. Jeffrey Solow

This is to write about political campaign advertising on the internet and social media. It is very scary to think that our democracy and elections were influenced by foreign agents but that is exactly what happened.

We still do not fully know the extent to which our elections were influenced. This is a dark time in our democracy and we need regulations to shine the light on the advertising sources of political advertising on Facebook, and the internet in general. It should be no different than TV and Radio advertising, including keeping copies of all ads, and information on their sources in a library. I am concerned that the FEC never thought of that on their own in the first place.

This is our country and Americans, not Russians, should be campaigning to try to influence American voters. Citizens have a right to know who is behind all of these ads. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. This is the 21st Century and the FEC needs to keep up with modern technology of disseminating information and political advertising.

Where are the disclaimers? This should be no different than TV and Radio advertising - sorry I repeat myself...

**DO THE RIGHT THING TO SUPPORT OUR CONSTITUTION AND
SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY**

Ms. Ilene Wells

Political ads posted on the internet should be subject to the same rules and regulations as those printed in newspapers and presented on TV and cable: the person or group paying for the ad should be noted somewhere in/on the advertisement.

Barbara King

Each spring and fall we are flooded with campaign ads online. Many of these make serious allegations against the target of the ad. It is against the public interest to allow the sponsors of these ads to hide behind generic-sounding names. We should know exactly who the sponsors are and what they represent.

Ms. Laura Horowitz

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Anne Cahill

All political ads of any kind should show who paid for them, including internet media. Americans need to know in order to maintain our democracy.

valerie castleman

I support Net Neutrality and regulations to ensure internet AD disclosure. Specifically,

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Protect our democracy by adopting Internet AD disclosure regulations.

Gail Sunderman

People should be able to tell who is trying to influence them. Where is the money coming from?

Ms. alexis SOULE

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Dr. Timothy Schacht

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Mr. Robert Franklin

I strongly advocate transparency in ALL political activities. This is the only way a democracy stays strong and pure. This need for transparency is why I feel it is necessary for all political ads, whether online or TV, or print media, to show who paid for them. Moreover, if it is an organization who bought them, we must make it VERY easy to look up that organization and see the actual people involved in it (e.g. board members and major funders). Facts that have bearing on the public interest should never be suppressed in a democracy. Facts are freedom.

Ms. Amy Gustine

Television and print campaign ads are required to include a disclaimer about who pays for them, the FEC should place the same requirements on online campaign ads.

Ms. Carrie DeHaven

Do not allow dark money to be hidden.

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The FEC must keep records of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

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Ms. Renee Paolino

As an American overseas, I have been involved in helping US citizens register and request their absentee ballots for several election cycles. The result of the 2016 election was both the most surprising and disturbing in my 58 years on earth. We are now witnessing the destruction of democratic principles and norms under a president who called for and received help from foreign actors (the Russians). We now know much of that help was in the form of social media messages and advertisements. I strongly urge the FEC to require that all advertisements on social media and elsewhere make crystal clear who is paying for them. Democracy dies in darkness. It's a very dark time indeed, and citizens must rely on regulatory bodies such as the FEC to protect us from sliding into the abyss of autocracy.

Ms. Laura Mosedale

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Ms. Jody Forman

It is tragic enough that our government has been put up for sale to US citizen oligarchs under the decision rendered in my lifetime by the United States Supreme Court.

Are we now in future to, under the auspices of the Federal Election Commission, witness the authorization of the use of the internet to further extend the purchase rights to an international level.

Will historians some day judge that it was the action of the Federal Election Commission that brought to fruition the words of Thomas Jefferson such that "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

Democracy can only thrive in bright sunshine. Please don't turn our open society into a dark world ruled by furtive rats.

Mr. J. Thomas Kelly

It is vital that citizens know who is paying for political advertisements.
It's a vital first step in the process people use to choose candidates for
public office.

Barbara Tarlow

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Dr. Raul Hernandez

Please do the right thing and protect our democracy. I am requesting that the FEC require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. I feel strongly that Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Please make the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

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Mrs. Robyn Landry

Given what we know now about Russia attempts to sway our elections, it is vital that all ads should be required to state who is paying for them. That way we can better assess the validity of any facts they are stating. Our democracy needs this protection.

Jean E. Hobgood

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

Mr. Ron Rigby

It is imperative that the FEC require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. We must know who is supporting a candidate and ensure that foreign interests are not involved.

Ms. Lorraine Shertzer

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Dr. Joan Sitomer

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Mr. Michael Hubbard

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Mr. Daniel Goldberg

Requiring Internet ads to disclose who is paying for them is the best way to prevent us from being trolled by Putin and to stop his effectiveness in creating division and distrust in our country.

Grace Wilson

It is imperative that all political ads are identified by who paid for them. The American public deserves to know BEFORE they vote, who is trying to inform or influence them. Full disclosure added to each ad on all digital media.

Ms. Kathleen Butt

I have a right to know who is posting ads online that may try to influence my vote in future elections. Only the government can provide this protection.

Mrs. Lynn Davis

I am writing to register my support for rules to require disclaimers on advertisements on the internet. The FEC should require comprehensive rules for online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. Even a tiny ad could easily include an adapted disclaimer link so that a reader can find out more about who is paying for this ad.

An informed electorate needs to know who is paying for online political ads. Without such rules in place, dark money and foreign entities are too easily able to influence voters

I have heard it suggested that the FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising. This seems a very smart way for the USA to make valuable data available to our citizens via researchers and the media.

Thank you for reviewing my comments.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Thomas
Grand Rapids, MI

The FEC should make transparency a major goal for all political advertising. It's important to know who is paying for any messages we receive. Thank you.

Darlene Kvaternik

Internet advertisement must be accompanied by "source information" identify who paid for the advertising. It is as simple as the "truth in advertising" universally accepted in our society. In addition, because of the intricacies of the "web" and how it works, each platform should verify the source of the advertisement to its origins. Much like retailers who post customer reviews at least offer "verified purchase" information to confirm to anyone viewing the product review that the individual actually purchased the item and hopefully has an objective opinion based on experience with it.

Our democracy depends on information -it should be verified and truthful or at the least, identifiable in its source. We deserve to know who might be lying to us!

Dr. Scott McLaughlin

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Sieglinde Gassman

To Whom It May Concern:

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

We, as Americans, should know who is paying for political ads in our elections.

We should have a strong disclaimer rule that will effectively combat foreign and illegal influence in our 2018 elections and beyond.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Olstein

As Americans, we have a right to know who is paying for on-line political ads.

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern. It should require on-line campaign ads to include full disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. If size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then the FEC should require an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a one-step link to a full disclaimer.

In addition, the FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source(s), and their target audiences available to the public. This would be similar to the libraries already kept for television advertising.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018 and beyond. The FEC has the opportunity to fulfill its mission by protecting our democratic process through these simple rule modernizations. I trust it will do the right thing.

Ms. J. Ashley Odell

When trying to determine the truth of a message, it's critical to know the source of that message. The anonymity of current Internet political advertising allows the advertisers to make up whatever claims they want, knowing they never have to be responsible for them. For the health of our democracy, this must change!

Ms. Minna Lunney

Dear FEC Representative,

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.

Without a strong disclaimer rule from the FEC, foreign interests will yet again work to influence the decisions of voters around the country in the 2018 election.

Our elections should not be influenced by anonymous foreign actors. We need strong disclaimer rules from the FEC to keep our democracy free. I urge the FEC to adopt rules that promote adequate disclosure for online ads.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Reeder
Mukilteo, WA

Dear FEC Commissioners,

You have a vital role in establishing rules that promote open and fair elections. I support the proposed requirement that online ads and other online electioneering clearly state their sources of funding as required for print, TV and radio ads.

The ease of access and expansive use of online tools makes us all vulnerable to the messages especially if we do not know who is funding it.

Thank you taking this matter seriously. I look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,
Martha Cooper

The public has a right to know about the reliability of any statement made or implied in any political advertisement for any public election campaign. That requires the complete disclosure of any person, real or corporate, or any organization or association funding any such advertisement.

Rex Payne

It is absolutely vital that the American electorate know the origin of any campaign information that shows up, that includes who paid for it. As a voting citizen I always read the fine print on any mailers that come to me. I also look at who is paying for the television ads that I see on TV.

In this age of "transparency" is very important that we see all the details of any campaign ad.

Mrs. Nancy Fetterman

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Mr. Arthur Ungar

In the 2016 election, 65 percent of Americans said online sources were 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. Let's update our rules with strong disclaimer regulations so that consumers know who is trying to influence them. This is important to put into place before the 2018 midterm elections. Keep our democracy transparent and free.

Mrs. Jean Meconi

I want to know who's paying for the online political ads that are being placed on my computer screen. I want to know on who's behalf these ads are being placed and then I can decide what is the agenda of the advertisement. I will not be passive in this important matter. The more we as citizens know who is trying to influence us---the better. Democracy dies in the dark!

Ms. Pamela Phillips

Campaign ads must include disclaimers regarding who is paying for the ads just as required for broadcast and print advertisements!

Americans have an absolute right to know who is paying for online political ads.

We would not, and in fact are continuously warned not to, buy products or accept services from unknown sources. How would internet campaign ads without clear information as to the sources be acceptable?

Ms. Harriet Stokke

To the FEC:

The existing rules on disclosure of sources of political ads are out of date and need to be expanded to cover digital communications, including social media; otherwise, foreign sources can exploit the loophole and easily reach a majority of U.S. voters. At a bare minimum, political ads on the internet should be held to the same standards of disclosure that have been in place for decades for both print and broadcast media.

While it would make sense to set thresholds (e.g., dollar amounts and/or average numbers of users at a site) in order to avoid burdening small local bloggers, there is no excuse for allowing large internet media companies such as Facebook, Google, Twitter, etc. to avoid disclosure requirements. We already know they routinely compile and analyze user information, so requiring them to make that information publicly accessible is not a significant burden for them.

Please do not allow notions of potential "partisan advantage" to influence FEC decision-making. Updating the disclosure rules for the twenty-first century is a matter of national security, as our intelligence agencies have clearly warned of the risks of foreign tampering with our electoral process.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Coolidge
Chevy Chase, MD

I support full disclosure on adds regarding political candidates, initiatives, and editorialized commentaries - we must protect all social institutions which serve the common good & maintain integrity in what remains of our representative democratic processes. Corporate interests and deep, dark money already overtly influence most media outlets and the internet has opened vast new means of obfuscating, distorting, and undermining an informed voting public.

Ms. Marilyn Darilek

Americans have the right to know who is paying for on line ads, same as for print and TV ads. Dark money is a threat to our democracy.

Leona Whichard

What happened in the 2016 election cannot go on. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. Your job is to safeguard our election from this kind of interference. Please do your job.

Thanks,
Mary Kay Barbieri

Internet political advertising should be subject to the same rules as TV and radio. Please ensure complete transparency by showing full disclosure or providing a link to full disclosure for every internet ad.

Ms. Mary Jo Nolin

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Mrs. Lynda Hendon

Re: Disclosure requirements for ads on the internet

It is important for me to know who is sponsoring /paying for the ads I see on the internet especially concerning political candidates and/or policies.

I rely on this information in the ads on television or received through the U.S.postal service.

To be a well informed voter it is important for me to know the sources of information designed to persuade me.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dr. Sara Bhakti

I strong feel that the FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

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Ms. Elziabeth ODear

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Let's fix this now so we can protect our democracy!

Ms. Christine Slavics

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Ms. Lynn Mansfield

The FEC NEEDS TO require online campaign ads to include easily seen disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as ?Paid for by?? with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Ms. Kathy Heid

I would like to comment on the Federal Election Commission (FEC) proposed disclaimer rule for Internet campaign ads. I believe that it is important to ensure that Americans know who is paying for the advertisements that may influence their vote.

Without a strong disclaimer rule from the FEC, foreign interests will yet again work to influence the decisions of voters around the country in the 2018 election.

To fight for free and fair elections and to resist foreign interference, the FEC must promulgate stronger, more comprehensive disclosure rules on Internet campaign advertisements.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Ms. Paula Grande

We have rules for every other industry.

Mr. john cana

I am deeply troubled that our government has not taken adequate steps for the protection of our elections.

Much more should be done on many fronts.

A very important front is internet advertising. First of all, there should be NO election ads allowed by foreign interests. Secondly, the American public absolutely needs to know who is paying for every election ad. This needs to be stated clearly and must be easy to see.

Thank you.

Lynne Salomon Miceli

disclosure is important

alex alexson

It is vitally important to all users of the internet that disclaimers showing who pays for ads or political promotion be displayed in 12 font or larger. The source and date of advertisement information must be tied to the person, business, or political party that placed it on the internet.

Carrie Lancaster

Hello,

I believe that the FEC needs to protect our elections by insuring that internet advertising disclosure rules are no different from those for other forms of advertising such television and print ads. I believe the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be modernized to include disclosure rules.

All internet campaign ads should be required to include either a full disclaimer or an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer. Without making the funder explicit, most people will not know the source of the ad funding as most people will not bother clicking on links.

I am convinced that dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election. Without these new rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. So please insure that this disclaimer rule is in place for as much of the 2018 election cycle as possible.

I think the FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source, and target audience available to the public like the libraries that already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Rules like this for internet ads will help ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections which, I feel, is intolerable.

Mr. Randall Haines

Please keep dark money and foreign governments out of our elections. Our way of life and government are at risk when citizens do not know or understand who is donating money or manipulating their votes.

Mrs. Barbara Gay

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Ms. Patricia Podboy

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

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

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Mr. Jonathan Boyne

To ensure the 2018 mid-term elections are free of dark money and foreign meddling, I believe internet campaign ads should require either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

The FEC should also make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to what the libraries kept for television advertising.

Ms. Marjory Keenan

I feel quite strongly, as do most people I know, that the FEC should REQUIRE online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

curt clay

It is 2018. The Internet, social media, and online advertising have been with us for quite some time now. It is long past time our online disclosure rules have the same rules as TV, radio, and print advertising. This is absolutely vital to the welfare of our country and society.

Samson Brock

Please update FEC rules to apply to the internet, which is increasingly use for political statements.

Ginger Ogle

As citizens of this country we deserve to know who is behind the ads that encourage us to vote for or against a candidate. We ESPECIALLY deserve to know if a foreign entity is behind them. Please write rules that require transparency in ALL ads, television, radio, online, print and even billboards. To demand anything less is served only to undermine our democracy.

Peggy Robinson

The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. We need to know who is paying for ads on ALL media, including online media. This is in keeping with current laws that protect American citizens on radio, TV, and print media.

Ms. Margaret Coles

Given the cyber attacks by a hostile foreign government, Russia, requiring disclosure of who has paid for an ad is the *MINIMUM* of what we should do to prevent future attacks and manipulation. This is the same disclosure requirement made of TV, radio and print media and should be applied to *all* media. We have a right to know who is speaking and seeking to influence our thinking and actions.

Jodi Johnson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mrs. Robin Spiegelman

This information should be required for online ads.

Mr. Wallace Mersereau

All Americans should use their votes to change the status quo. An epidemic of lies is now prevalent and the people are misled. We need to put this to an end. Voters should be well informed in order to know the truth. If you read the Bible you would know how to identify the truth from lies. You judge the person by its fruits of the Holy spirit. Like humility, humility is acceptance of truth. Who are the politicians who accept truth? The words that come from their mouth came from their heart. Watch their words and you would know what is in their heart. Person who always praise himself are evil and would like to control the world. Politicians who repeatedly use the same word or phrase is targeting your subconscious mind and want to control your will. You need to reject them because that is evil he wants to be a dictator.

Ms. maria santos

Dear members of the Federal Election Commission,

My name is Ricky Nguyen from Seattle, WA 98108.

We need a transparent democracy that isn't influenced by foreign powers. We, the public, deserve to know what we see and whether we trust it or not.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

The FEC hasn't updated their disclosure rules in years. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, the bipartisan outrage at Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy gives us a real opportunity for action.

Already, over 140,000 Americans have spoken out to demand new, modern disclosure rules -- and in response the FEC has offered two proposed rules it is considering. One -- which we support -- would clarify how many of the same disclosure rules as TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads. The other would water down these requirements, making it harder to stop Russian meddling in 2018 and beyond.

That's why I ask of you to the Honest Ads Act to require full transparency for online ads. Not only that, updating the disclosure rules will be the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ricky Nguyen

Voters need protection on digital media. Voters need disclosure of funders of political messages on digital channels and social media.

Voters need the same protection on social media and other digital channels that voters currently have a right to receive on TV, radio and print media.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence us and our votes ? no matter what channel or media they use for their messages.

Mr. Barry Peters

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Philip Shook

It's very important to me that the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads must apply to online ads too.

Bruce Schoenfeld

You must do everything possible to prevent the improper use of social media to influence elections. What is improper? Hiding the actual source (identity) of the message certainly qualifies as improper. We have rules regarding political ads in print media and on TV and radio to insure that the viewer knows the source. We need the same information for messages on social media. However, the matter is more difficult for social media because there are real people out there who have a right to express opinions, and we don't want to inhibit them. But we absolutely cannot afford to have foreign agents simulating U.S. citizens in order to sway our elections. (We also cannot afford to have domestic bad actors who have enough computer savvy to simulate thousands of their fellow citizens just to amplify the impact of their messages.)

Bottom line--social media must be enhanced in order that the viewer of a message knows the actual identity of those creating the message. Software changes (different on each platform, of course) will no doubt be needed in order for this objective to be achieved. And no doubt they are already working on this, but it is crucial for you to work with them to get these changes right and effective. There is no time to lose...we can't afford a repeat of the 2016 election fiasco.

James Hicks

I demand transparency in online ads.

?We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

?The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

?The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thank you.

Mr. John Springer

Please protect net neutrality and a free and open Internet.

JOHN MAYBURY

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

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

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

The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Mr. Sidney Smith

I support full transparency for all online advertising.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

? The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thanks,
James Dawson

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

Transparency is critical to the democratic process.

J Esposito

It is vital that the FEC provide citizens with information about who is trying to influence the voting public and how they are doing it. The election in 2016 provides ample proof of that. The FEC should update its transparency rules. Take into account the new technologies that exist and are emerging!

Dr. Paul Sullivan Sr.

We require disclosure on TV ads, which must state who is sponsoring them. This is similar. We do not want anonymous funding for powerful political messages. We must require a valid identification of who is paying for getting out the message. If this was in place, and had enforcement teeth, we'd have much less corruption & deception.

Ms. Karil Daniels

We need to close the loophole that allows foreign governments to influence our elections.

Ms. Joy Avalos

As a Californian, I care about this issue deeply. We just passed the Disclose Act, SB 52, to understand who is paying for ads. This work is just the beginning.

- * We need to know who is paying for ads AND the whole chain of money (who is really behind the shell funding organizations).

- * The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

- * The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should definitely apply to online ads too.

Above all, this is a bipartisan issue. We all deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Ms. Heidi Smith

Because the public deserves to know who is attempting to influence our political views and our votes, the FEC must now update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology:
The disclosure rules already in place for TV, radio, and print ads should be applied to online advertising as well.

Mr. Carmel Dagan

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our vote.
We deserve better than fake news and buying out the voice of the people:
Because when you just buy views and votes, it's just ignorant and cruel
against the actual majority of voters. It hurts America in every way, and it
needs to stop A.S.A.P.

Bart Ryan

I am a private citizen, and I vote in all elections.

I do not bribe politicians, and I understand that corporations and rich individuals are bribing and "buying" our American politicians all the time. Because of the latter, ALL Americans have the right to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes!

As technology and electronic communication in the 21st century have evolved, so should the FEC evolve, updating its transparency rules. The FEC should be keeping up with new technology, and avoiding becoming an obsolete agency.

The Internet, a relatively new invention, is virtually (no pun intended) equivalent to TV, radio, and print--ALL are methods of communication, used all the time by politicians, and others.

ALL political communications, no matter which form, are subject to manipulation, too. The FEC's disclosure rules should apply to online ads, too; ALL online ad rules should be equal and equivalent to the same rules applying to TV, radio, and print ads.

Lack of parity in all the rules becomes anti-democracy, and anti-constitutional.

H. Michael McQuown

I strongly believe that it is vitally important that voters are able to know who is paying for a given ad. It gives voters a basis to judge the content of the message. In today's world there is too much false or questionable information being put forward. Knowing the name of the person sponsoring the message gives citizens a needed tool to help in judging the information provided in the message

Kathleen Hurre

The FEC should be protecting voters and working to assure they have legitimate information so they may make the proper decisions in the voting booth.

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

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

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. Foreign influence in our elections should be blocked completely!

The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

We need to encourage informed voters and it is your job to ensure that happens.

Ms. Jo-Ann Murphy

As a US citizen, and a voter, I need and deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and the way I vote. The FEC hasn't updated disclosure rules in years. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't kept pace with new technology. It is time to rectify that in a meaningful way. The disclosure rules now in place for TV, radio, and print advertisements should apply to online ads as well. Thank you.

Dr. Judith Bellin

On-line ads are no different than ads placed in other media, such as TV, radio, etc. On-line ads should, therefore, be subject to the same regulations as other media forms. Additionally, you expect to know my name, address, etc. in order for me to comment to you. Why would you think I'd want to receive messages on-line from unknown persons? I definitely DO NOT want to hear from unknowns.

Ms. Sandra French

Please allow more fluidity with online ads.

Mr. Rahul Iyer

We strongly believe that online advertising should follow the same transparency rules as broadcast and print advertising. Deception creates chaos for citizen consumers.

Barbara and Jim Dale

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018

Janice Siebert

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Mr. Tedd Ward Jr.

The FEC highlights on its website that its mission is "Protecting the integrity of the campaign finance process by providing transparency and fairly enforcing and administering federal campaign finance laws."

I submit that in order to be faithful to this mission the FEC needs to take several actions. First, I suggest the FEC needs to require campaign donors and political advertisers to disclose their identities. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Second, I suggest the FEC should update its transparency rules to utilize technology in a more productive way.

And last, given the broad reach of social media, the disclosure rules applied for TV, radio, and print ads should also apply to social media and online ads.

I request an opportunity to testify at the June 28th hearing.

Thank you.

Mr. Richard Goldsmith

From what I been understanding WIFI net neutrality is the most important step we make concerning our understanding what Democracy represents, we will be able to communicate very clearly in a Immediate fashion with less hold ups, We the People will get complete control of own Computers what we desire to post and will be fully held responsible for our own Media. Louis M Ruiz

Mr. Louis M Ruiz

While I pride myself on having an independent mind, I know that it's not that hard to influence people and sway their opinions. You are doing a decent job enforcing disclosure rules for television, radio, and print ads. I would like to see you expand that enforcement to cover online ads as well. Your transparency rules should be keeping up with new technology!
Thank you

Ms. Clover Krajicek

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Ms. Akila Mosier

Americans deserve to know who and what is influencing our elections. You should update your transparency rules to keep up with new technology and the disclosure rules for other ads should also apply online

Jalen Reeves

All contributions paid to campaigns should include "Paid for by...".

Mrs. Sue Whitlock

Dear FEC,

I support internet neutrality.

The internet belongs to us, the taxpayers, the 99%. We should all have equal access all the time, anywhere.

Our taxes paid for the development and the engineers who worked on it decades ago.

You know masses, millions of tax paying citizens are demanding an open and free internet.

You can't ignore our voices. The FEC is a federal agency created to serve us. Are we still a Democratic country? Did you take an oath to honor the US Constitution?

Listen up, I support net neutrality!

Sincerely,

Julie McKune

Citizen

FEC,
I support internet Ad Disclosure.
Thank you,
Julie McKune

I have 3 main points I would like to communicate with you:

- 1) We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
- 2) The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
- 3) The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Fromer

The FCC needs to modernize its technology to keep up with who is trying to influence our votes.

The same disclosure rules that apply to TV, radio and print ads should apply to the internet.

Mr. Bill Kingston

**The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

Ms. Angie Williams

Our advertising sources have an obligation to ensure news and advertising is identified correctly when placing the ad. By knowing who actually posted the ad we are given the tools to determine the merit of the content. Social account ads (such as Facebook ads) should only lead to (ie Facebook) pages, not to websites; where the content can be monitored and reported as suspicious by the viewer.

All political ads need to be held to the same standards as TV and radio. They should be identified as financed by the candidate, or not endorsed. This allows us to hold candidates accountable for supporting "fake news."

Internet websites should require confirmation of ownership and physical location or the websites should not be made available through advertising. ICANN can make registration information available to advertising sellers, with a very simple system for confirming the website is owned by a legitimate business at a verified location.

Website registrations should also disclose the country of origin, based on ownership. This will not harm legitimate businesses.

We allowed the internet to get out of control due to monetization. Viewers have a right to know what they are "buying" into when they click an ad that results in profit for the ad provider.

Ms. Debra Phillips

It's time for government agencies to remember that they are entrusted with the representing WE The People and putting our interests before those of power, dark money, and influences that obstruct protecting all the people.

Thank you.

Ms. Bobbie VandeGriff

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

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

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Mrs. Yvonne White

Speech isn't Free anymore.

Instead of Free Speech (posting placards, speaking at the town square, etc), we have Expensive Speech: internet ads, TV and Radio screeds, and as a bone, an occasional full-page newspaper ad.

Instead of Personal Speech (signed placards, seeing someone speak at the town square), we have Anonymous Speech (Fake News popups on facebook and chat rooms, TV and Radio ads paid by Fake Organizations. What gets my goat is that Expensive Speech is usually a 501(c)(4) tax dodge!

We don't know if the Expensive Speech is paid for by plutocrats, Russian Oligarchs, Big Tobacco, Big Pharma, the private Prison operators, White Supremacists, Religious Zealots, the Chinese Military-Industrial Complex or rich all-about-me Libertarians. So far, we do know if Liberals pay for Expensive Speech, because they insist on outing themselves when they don't have to.

FEC: Please support Alternative A. We deserve to know who is paying for Expensive Speech. The source colors the content. For example, the impact of an advert supporting a guaranteed minimum national income signed by a fake (& as yet non-existent) organization like RUCUS (Republican Ultra-Conservatives Under Satan) might be read by a different crowd than if it was signed by Common Cause.

Steve Yaffe

I spend more time reading on the internet than reading newspapers or billboards or physical magazines, and almost no time watching TV. I want internet ads held to the same standards as ads on other media. Ads can be totally misleading--knowing who they are from helps me to evaluate the truth of the statements in them.

Ms. Nancy Schimmel

FEC regulations need to specify that online campaign ads include disclaimers about who is paying for them, as is required for television and print advertisements because Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule must be comprehensive and modern. We must have regulations to prohibit the dark money ads and foreign meddling that influenced the 2016 election because without these regulations it will continue to happen. Why can't the FEC make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience and make them available to the public similar to what is done for television advertising? Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Ms. Janet Parkins

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. And in particular, the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Herman Rodrigo

Time to catch up! Require transparency about the source of online ads like we do for TV ads. Otherwise you are providing a loophole big enough to drive a big truck through, and they do, and squash us, the people!

Ms. Jean Waight

In this era of Citizens United, the only way to avoid undue corporate or political influence in government and elections is to require identification of donors and sponsors.

If the American public's confidence in elections is to be maintained, the FEC should update its transparency rules and security software to keep up with new technology.

It is beyond me why the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads don't apply to online ads as well.

Mr. Ralph Emerson

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.

Without a strong disclaimer rule from the FEC, foreign interests will yet again work to influence the decisions of voters around the country in the 2018 election.

Our elections should not be influenced by anonymous foreign actors. We need strong disclaimer rules from the FEC to keep our democracy free.

Donald L Wittle Jr

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Nicole Rodgers

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Our free elections are one of the basic rights of all Americans that thousands have died to preserve. To withhold the origin and sponsor of political ads is lying by omission. Correct this irregularity now.

Mrs. Mary Ann Tatara

The consolidation of media within the United States is a serious threat to our democracy. Furthermore, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views as well as our votes. We need transparency rules to be updated to reflect modern technology. We need full disclosure in all TV, radio, print ads (both hard copy and online).

Mr. Don Ely

We Americans have a right to know who is paying for political ads on the internet.

Deanna Homer

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Please try to make sure we all know who is paying for the ads.

Ms. Robin Patten

When it comes to advertising, we the people of the United States deserve to understand where the advertising is coming from. It is our right to know who is attempting to influence us, so that we have a better chance of making informed choices. The FCC should make certain that transparency is paramount, and that requires keepin up with the current trends in technology. It is important that the rules and safeguards that exist for print, television and radio apply to the internet as well.

Thank you for receiving and reading this.

Mr. Michael Heinsohn

Disclosure rules that apply to TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads as well. The FEC needs to update transparency rules to match modern technology.

Mr. Matthew Ridge

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

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

Ms. Judi Schutz

As citizens, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Online advertising is becoming more and more important in effecting elections.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Ms. Cynthia Guggemos

Rules regarding online ads must be updated to keep abreast of current technology, and disclosure rules should be the same as for other technologies such as TV, radio, and print. Citizens deserve the right to know who is paying for the ads.

Ms. Terry McCain

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Kathleen Wagner

Disclosure rules for political advertising and other political communications must apply equally to all such communications, regardless of medium. The disclosure rules for print, radio, television and on-line communications should be exactly the same, because the communications medium has no effect on the public's need to know. Different rules for different media make no sense - unless one is trying to undermine the effectiveness of the disclosure rules. Do what's right: extend the existing disclosure rules for other media to internet communications, and also explicitly declare that the rules apply to all communications, in any medium whatsoever, whether such medium exists at the time of the rule-making or is invented in the future.

Dr. George Rappolt

Please keep Net Neutrality . Without it small websites could be at a disadvantage to large sites which can afford to have their content given preference. Doing away with Net Neutrality would give cable companies the opportunity to slow down or prevent phone or streaming TV apps because they compete with their services.

Ms. Beverly Steiner

Truth in advertising should also apply to political adds on all platforms. Sunlight is necessary so we can make informed decisions and not just manipulated by propaganda. Uncredited sources perverts democracy. Sunlight and information makes Democracy stronger.

Kelsey Hickok

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Mrs. Candace LaPorte

Our elections should not be influenced by anonymous foreign actors. We need strong disclaimer rules from the FEC to keep our democracy free.

Mr. tika bordelon

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Thank you.

Ms. Jean King

A democracy relies on free and fair elections. The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

But during the 2016 election that vital information wasn't available and millions of Americans saw fraudulent political ads planted by foreign interests. When internet advertisers hide who they are, they can have an unfair and deceptive influence on our elections.

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.

Without a strong disclaimer rule from the FEC, foreign interests will yet again work to influence the decisions of voters around the country in the 2018 election.

Our elections should not be influenced by anonymous foreign actors. We need strong disclaimer rules from the FEC to keep our democracy free.

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

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The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as ?Paid for by?? with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Mr. David Bryan

As a believer in honesty and truth I am compelled to ask for transparency in the supporters of political advertisement. If a business, corporation or individual purchases an advertisement supporting or in opposition to an issue the public should know where the money came from to make an informed decision.

Mr. Anthony Clarke

I am a private citizen, an urban planner, retired from the City of Birmingham, with a strong commitment to honest, equitable, efficient and economical government, at all levels.

Unfortunately, our supposed representative democracy has devolved into an oligopolistic aristocracy of the Richest families and most powerful mega-Businesses. These financial Rulers control most other private organizations, including the merging Media and information producers.

These deep "Free Enterprisers" have gamed the Big Banks and most of our federal, state and local Public Officials into subsidizing excess unearned Private Profits for corporate and Wall Street insiders, at the expense of isolated investors and most workers with lower wages {or lost Jobs) who are driven into massive unrepayable Debt. The moneyed Lobbyists are free to write their slanted legislation and public budgets for adoption by our mis-representatives (who are always dependent on spiraling rockets of unending campaign contributions). The Corruptors and corrupted have no time for, or care about the total Economy or long term dilemmas threatening our environment, safe or sustainable energy, or technology for our grandchildren's future prosperity. Why? Because More immediate Windfalls, pork, nepotism and soaring Election campaign bets come first to hold any important office), thanks to our arbitrary Supreme Court.

So public revenues are not raised to fund dire long-term public improvements or investments in education or research into better health, waste of vital resources, special giveaways, exemptions and tax cuts for the privileged few are more important issues, even if it completely bankrupts our government!

Without equitable LAWS: He who has all the gold Rules. But why should Money RULE absolutely in a free society of individuals with equal rights and responsibilities? Who controls the press and information media can limit or focus attention on what they want our citizens to "know" or believe about the real world. In order to understand what issues are important, and decide what is in their own best interests, People need to

learn the whole story about everything, and that begins with reliability of the sources. Every convincer paints himself as the good guy, but does the actions fit the words? So we need to know the real sponsor of these political pretenders. Whose hand paid for ads, op eds, related articles or human interest spots? Everybody knows these supposed support organizations are Fairy Tale fronts!

Mr. william moody

If special interests are allowed to advertise unfettered and hidden on the internet, with no accountability, this brings us a step closer to our democracy being stolen from us, and the will of citizens being subverted.

Greater transparency and accountability, via internet communication disclaimers, is a necessity!

Ms. Madeline Liebling

We need to know. We need transparency. We need to know who is "informing" us!

Mr. Leon Scott

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Please keep information available to all American voters!

Mr. Derek Benedict

I feel strongly that disclosure should be made for online ads in the same way as it is for ads in other media. The recent scandals involving Facebook enabling the theft of personal data should support more, not less, openness for online applications of all kinds.

Kate Williams

The people should have the right to know who is paying for on-line ads just like for any other media. Transparency protects democracy.

Mr. Gerard Russo

Full disclosure of the sources of campaign advertising is vital to make sure voters are not misled.

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

We Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

We do NOT need a repeat of the 2016 fiasco.

Kathy Minges

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Mr. Gene Polito

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Mrs. Leona Baublitz

We MUST protect our democratic election process by knowing who is paying for online campaign ads that we receive. The disclaimers should be comprehensive and modern.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen AGAIN in 2018.

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads, just as they do with TV ads.

Thank you for protecting our democracy!!!

M Sharon Moynihan

To have a healthy democracy we must be reliably informed, not duped as so many were during the 2016 election.

Require those who pay for ads say who they are accurately so we can judge their source.

Thank you!

Ms. Judith Ray

Our democracy is under attack, and the FEC must step up to defend it. Americans have a right to know who foots the bill for political ads online, just as we do for print and tv ads. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule must be updated and completely modernized to include online advertisements. Internet campaign advertisements must include disclaimers, and as with the comprehensive collection for tv ads, the FEC should retain copies of all paid internet political messages, including completely information on their target audience and funding sources. Thank you.

Ms. Anne Hoppe

We need to know who is behind these adds so we can properly evaluate their value.

Mr. vincent weis

Our elections are under attack. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Michael Gutleber

Our elections, the foundation of American democracy, are under attack. To preserve this foundation, it is essential that the sources of ALL campaign advertising be fully available to all who see the ads. Full disclosure is imperative.

Ms. Elizabeth Downie

In a democracy, it is imperative that citizens always know who is trying to influence their votes (such as unfriendly foreign or other non-benign entities, or persons whose interests are different from one's own). Therefore the FEC:

- must update transparency rules to keep up with new technology;
- mandate that disclosure rules pertaining to television, radio, and print ads also apply to online materials.

Sandra Weiss

A democracy cannot survive without fair elections. Our system has been and is under attack and the current government, including Congress, shows no signs of protecting our elections.

Anna Pulgiano

The law to require advertising entities to inform the public of who posts and pays for ads for candidates is of **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** for our democracy.

Ms. Charlotte Brooks

My reading on this matter indicates to me that this effort on the part of the FCC is a blatant attempt to enrich people who are already wealthy, and could also limit access to world wide communications via the Internet.

I am appalled by all this. The Internet fits every definition of a public utility. There is no excuse or rationale, other than greed, for any other alternative.

Mr. Ralph Emerson

We need to know who is putting out adds and hate filled lies. We do not need Fake News to run our country. Our President puts out lies and calls Facts lies.

Mrs. Mary O'neill

during the last election our US elections are under attack. WE need to have fair elections through required information list on each add no matter how it is published online or other means.

All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

Copies of all paid internet political messages and source should be made available to the public.

arleen prairie

Our election system is under attack .

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP SITTING ON YOUR HANDS !?!

Mark Ross

I am in favor of strong rules that require disclosure of funding sources behind campaign advertising. Nothing is more important in a democracy as informed consent. Voters must be able to determine which candidates are likely to support them versus those who would subvert them. Nothing is more important than the truth. Stand up for truth in democracy and support strong regulations requiring the disclosure of campaign funding sources.

Mr. Winfield Schmitt

Our elections are under attack!

veronica carmosino

Our elections are under attack by Russia.

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

Ray Smith

Close coal ash loopholes, cool ash ponds that threaten fresh water

No on the Farm Bill

Shawn Johnson

It is essential for Americans to have confidence in our election process. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads must have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there needs to be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. George Riley

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

Internet campaign ads should, without exception, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

Thank you,

Patricia M Cochran

The fact that the only thing President Trump and his administration has done to prevent Russian trolls from interfering with the 2018 elections is constantly attack The justice department and Russia gate should outrage every American citizen. The President doesn't care if Russian tampers with the election because he believes the tampering will help The Republicans win elections and ultimately protect him from investigation and indictment.

One small step that can be taken to ensure free elections is passage of REG 2011-02 so everyone knows who is paying for and promoting ads on the internet.

Mr. Glenn Carden

I am asking that the FEC enact rules to require that all political ads have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. Or it should have a clear link to provide the information. Also copies of all political ads should be made available to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. James Olsavsky

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To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Joseph Braus

The Russians, the NRA and other organizations have had too much influence on our elections. I think the time has come for political candidates to stop accepting money from any organizations. I think that candidates should be given equal amounts of money from taxpayers for their campaigns. At the very least all funds used for political campaigns should be available for public review.

Dr. Thomas Mader

Given the ease with which foreign trolls compromised the 2016 election, it is imperative that stronger measure must be taken for complete transparency regarding the source of content. As voters, we need to know who is behind each ad or message so we can determine the bias or prejudice, or intent of what we are seeing or reading. An educated citizenry is the best bulwark of democracy.

Dr. jerome hoffman

This is CRITICAL for our democracy to survive!

Mr. Rich Panter

Trust in government is critical to democracy. That trust fundamentally depends on transparency and truth being at the core of public information. That trust is rapidly declining as official actions abandon truth, avoid attention to things that need fixing!

SHAME ON ALL OF YOU THAT PERPETUATE THAT

Robert W Hungate., a once proud Republican

The forces and special interests funding U.S. elections should be required to identify themselves in any campaign they support, financially or otherwise. Therefore, to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Patrick Bosold

Please note that I remember as a child in the 1950's and my mother and father talking about the old Soviet Union, and Russia's news service Pravda. My father was a Chief Petty Officer in the U S Navy and we would discuss the "MisInformation" that Pravda released.

Here we are fifty plus years later and Russia - now more sophisticated using our own social media - facebook and twitter - doing the same thing. Russia and Pravda created the original "Fake News" during the Cold War. This is not new, however our adversary, Russia, has gotten a lot better at doing false information.

In a free society and especially in a democracy the truth matters. Facts matter! Full disclosure matters.

We must be aware and know who is putting out the information we see in the press - and Now - on line. I still read the old fashioned newspaper, because they source all the material. I personally do not trust "On line news" and I was surprised to see that people get news from facebook. Maybe I am a victim of my age - being a baby boomer (War baby) and turning sixty something this year.

Please institute a system where we can see the source of who is putting news on line. Our democracy is dependent on a free and honest press! The truth matters and facts matter. There is no "alternate reality" or alternate facts,

Thank you for reading my thoughts.

Thank you for all you do for the free press and the truth in the USA.

Mr. Charles Avatar

It is a serious threat to democracy that foreign governments are influencing our elections. To make sure our elections are fair, ads from foreign IPs and VPNs should be banned for several months leading up to all national elections, and all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Ms. Laurie Kuntz

As the internet has become a major source of information for many people, it is imperative that the public have valid information about the authors of the advertising. It should be the same as that required of printed publications.

Wayne Olson

The people of the U.S. deserve to know who is behind each and every on-line ad!

Thank you.

Mr. Stephen Still

I think it's important to know who is posting any ad or comments about our candidates for office or commenting on Issues! And not just a group name but perhaps members as well, and /or country of residence

philip wolfson

This morning, May 18, 2018, I found websites that produces YouTube propaganda about "conspiracy theories"; names listed are:

(channels with names like World Broadcast, Breaking News Today, Latest News Today, Breaking News 24h, Hot News Today 365, USA News Feeder, or simply Hot News are popping up all over YouTube,)

I looked at a couple of those sites listed and could immediately tell the prose was written by someone whose first language was NOT English. I could find no instinctive way to "block" those sites from my FB page. This is very concerning. We're sure now that Russia used "bots" and social media sites to attempt to influence the 2016 election. More oversight by FEC is badly needed.

Mrs. Violet Cauthon

I want to have my personal information secured and only shared with my permission in advance.

Mr. Kurt Nichols

I strongly support strong rules on disclosure of internet campaign ads. We must start keeping Russia and other dangerous groups from interfering with our elections as they did in previous elections. They are so blatant in their efforts, clearly, they feel America no longer has a backbone. We must take a strong stand now!

Mr. Greg Thomas

As an American citizen and lifelong voter (at least, one who has been voting in every election for which she was eligible to vote since first becoming old enough to register), I would VASTLY prefer it if I knew who was trying to convince me that people not of my political persuasion were evil and un-American.

This includes people on the Internet trying to convince me of that fact. Oh, wait, I meant 'organizations', not just 'people', but hey, Citizens United really kinda blurred the line there-

Anyway. The point is that ALL political ads, whether they're specific ("Vote for Steve Rogers for District 5 Representative!") or general ("Vote the Freedom and Independence Party!") or just slant-related ("Did you know that people who don't go to church are voting? ARE YOU NOT HORRIFIED?"), come from somewhere, and from someone who may have a valid point but who may also be a troll and a manipulator. I want to know who is paying for an ad to try to get me to think their way when it comes to my politics, because I want to know whether I owe them even so much as a brain cell's worth of my thoughts. Given that even the Senate committee believes the Russians were pulling out all the stops to influence American election behavior in 2016, I like to think I'm not the only one who has this concern.

Internet ad campaigns for political purposes of any kind need to be regulated to the same degree as ads on television or radio, or for that matter, paid political phone calls. The American public deserves to know who is trying to wave images of "JESUS WANTS YOU TO VOTE FOR THIS CANDIDATE!!" in their face when they're browsing Facebook. I deserve to know who's plunked down money to try to push me to vote their way when I'm reading an online feed of any kind and my adblock software fails.

We need to know. You need to bring election-related and politics-related online advertising into the 21st century. Make the disclaimers mandatory, detailed, in-depth, accurate, and legible, and if the ads are too small to

print a full legible disclaimer, make links to these disclaimers not only mandatory but large enough to see and clear enough to understand. Make it impossible for online political advertising to hide its real intent and its real origins. The American public deserves better than what you've allowed to slip past.

Ms. Jessica McGeary

Content sponsors must be clearly indicated within their ad!

Mark Swanson

More information is simply better than less. The voting public is entitled to know the source of information that bombards us every day. It helps us separate messages we want to see from messages we don't want to see. We are entitled to make that choice based on reliable information. Sourceless information hurled at us begins to feel like the omnipresent loudspeakers in Orwell's 1984.

Information about sources will also cause those sources to take more care about what they say. It will enable people injured by false information to hold sources accountable by way of the defamation laws, which have seemed non-existent over the past couple of years. Perhaps they have been unused because the sources have been able to conceal their activity.

This country is in a shameful, disgraceful place. Government agencies like the FEC perpetuate that disgrace if they fail to take action to fix these problems honestly and comprehensively. If they do not, the disgrace and their role in it will be remembered for many generations -- just as the memory of the SEC's role in the 2008 financial collapse, now 10 years old, shows no signs of fading away.

Ms. Cecil Scott

Our elections are under attack.

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Why aren't the "guardians of our gates" doing their job?

Mrs. Rita Greenberg

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers regarding who is paying for them, just as is required for television and print advertisements.

Ms. Katherine Howard

Our elections are under attack. To make sure we have fair elections without interference, all online political ads should have a full disclosure that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Tom Lynch

I was a victim of hate crimes by USA intelligence community, USA Presidents since Nixon Administration, USA cable TV news, online, radio and social media, Americans, USA private sector and USA government by putting me on USA to kill list no evidence being a direct threat to national security and global security which left me homeless, disabled, me fracture my right hand 4 weeks ago and had surgery and my hand is in cast, my mother in hospital, my brother injured and my youngest brother dead as well as my friends. I want the office of inspector general of the USA government to do a judicial review into my case with an apology, financial compensation and justice this month, compensation 15 billion dollars.

Mr. christopher huggins

Our elections are under attack by foreign governments and transnational corporations.

To make certain that our nation's elections are unfettered, uncorrupted and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who (individuals, corporations , governments, PAC's, etc.) paid for them.

If this is not possible because of an ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies and sources of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Stephen E. Strauss
Fairfield, CT

The freedom of democracy depends on all speakers taking responsibility for their comments. I strongly support the requirement that all Internet advertisements clearly identify without deception who is paying for them.

Dan McGill

I support the position that the Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising, and specifically, that all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. In cases where this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. I would like to see copies of all paid internet political messages with information about their sponsors/funding and target audiences preserved and made available to the public sufficiently quickly before election days so that verifying the sources of information will be possible for everyone. The informed decisions essential to democracy are only possible with access to reliable information, and knowledge of sources, such as through clear and accurate disclaimers, is vital to judging the veracity of any information being presented to the public.

Ms. Ann M Walters

All U.S. citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technologies. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads also.

Dr. Gerald Powell

It's essential that Americans know who is behind political advertisements so that we can reasonably gauge parties' interests in supporting or opposing both candidates and issues. As online advertising has become a significant force in elections, it must be subjected to strong rules regarding disclosure when it is of a political nature.

All advertisements should disclose the party paying for them within the ad, and the individuals making up any groups must be disclosed to the FEC and available to the public online. No nesting of groups more than one layer deep (i.e., "political group A is comprised of political groups b, c, and d", all of which can then be traced to individual donors, founders, and members) should be allowed to obscure those parties seeking to influence American politics.

Punishment for violations should be significant, to act as an effective deterrent, and enforcement should be swift, sure, and impartial.

Mrs. Marla Caldwell

Our elections are under attack!

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is NOT possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the FULL information.

Copies of ALL paid internet political messages should be made available to the public!

Bring integrity back!! Implement ad transparency!

Ms. Gina Bates

Given that in the current climate, so many people and groups deem it acceptable to distort the truth and tell outright lies to get their way, it is important that any political message clearly identify who is responsible. That way, the "consumer" of the message can evaluate the trustworthiness of the source when interpreting the content of the message. That means that the identifying information must be complete enough that the source can be truly known. If an industry is the source, then that should not be hidden behind some title of a PAC or other collective organization that sounds like the opposite of what it is. We have a right to clear and honest information. If the advertisers are not honest and true in their message, we should at least have honest and true information about whose message it is.

Thank you.

Phyllis Simons

It is critical to maintaining valid election results and preserving our democratic system that voters can be assured that they are making decisions on valid and factual information.

Ms. Carole Winslow

Our democracy must be protected at all costs! These vicious attacks from foreign entities must be stopped. A whole lot of people get their only news from the social networks which must make sure they're not part of the problem of disseminating false information.

Mr. Glenn Wright

Our elections **MUST** be **FREE** and **FAIR!** Everyone has a right to speak out and also everyone has a right to know where the ?information? (ad) is coming from so they can be assessed by the voter. We **MUST** be told who is paying for the ads!

Karen Grenetz

Elections, and fully informed voters in those elections, are critical to a sustainable democracy. Voters must know who is paying for political ads.

Mr. Bill Coleson

Our elections are under attack, and our democracy is threatened by outside influence.

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Ms. Kate Sherwood

Elections are the bedrock of a representative democracy. Without an informed electorate, our form of government can not be maintained. Without accurate information the public will be unable to make truly informed voting decisions.

All we have to do is look at Russia. The Russian voting public has no idea what is real and what is "memorex", since their government trolls their own population.

We need to know who is purchasing and publishing adds for our consumption.

Thank you.

chris houghton

All communication influencing public thoughts and decisions need be informed as to the initiators.

Ms. Chris Miller

We cannot let a foreign power tamper with our elections. If we don't expose them, eventually these foreign imposters will decide our elections, if they haven't already.

Ms. Virginia Valenti

We need to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair. All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

Ms. Betty Masiello

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Linda Stroupe

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. It is time for the FEC to update the Internet Communication Disclaimers rule to require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. Since social media platforms such as Facebook refuse to see themselves as media companies, and think that such rules don't apply, it is time for the FEC to force them to comply with truth in advertising and make this information easily found with the online political advertisement. Americans must know who is paying for online political ads, and it shouldn't take an in-depth internet search in order to find out who paid.

Dr. Jill Miotke

Foreign individuals and governments are attacking our election system. All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. We need to be confident that only real human beings, and not foreign entities, are posting political materials.

Judith Eda

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Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Ms. Heather Beard

Misinformation in election advertising perpetrated by those with financial interest is a huge and growing threat to our democracy. I call on you to enact and enforce strong measures that begin to address this problem by making the information about who/what entities are funding the ads we see in election season readily accessible to the public, so that we are better able to evaluate their truth. The measures proposed by the group Public Citizen seem to be a sensible approach. Please act quickly to begin to restore the health of our democracy.

Carol Mohr

The seriousness of open and clear election messaging demands a reporting system that informs the public of the source of the information. I believe further steps should be taken so that the source of the information, and the amount of money spent to push advertisement to the public be revealed distinctly, legibly and clearly visible in the body of the advertisement.

Mr. Jon Genova

Dark money used to influence elections undermines democracy by masking the identities of those who would weaken or destroy it. Let the people know who these contributors are so that voters can assess what their motives may be.

Mr. Michael Luderitz

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Ms. Janette Lozada

I believe all Americans should know who is sponsoring ads of any kind on the internet or anywhere else. We need need to know who stands for what in order to make decisions.

Mr. robert moeller

I'm writing because I'm worried about foreign meddling in our elections. As such, I feel that the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

Internet campaign ads must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. Dark money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections. Thanks!

Mrs. Jessica Craven

We Americans should be the only ones to decide our elections, not trolls hiding behind phony names who spread misinformation. We are under attack!

It is critical for us to know who is behind each and every ad that is posted, no matter what the format. Total transparency is essential and you have the capability to make this happen. Make all names public and release all ads to the public to scrutinize its accuracy.

Thank you.
Barton Wolfe

Please protect our elections, the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

Internet campaign ads must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

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Mr. Justin Grover

May 18, 2018

Within the past week, our President has shown that he will give ANY favor to Qatar, China, or Russia if the prize to his personal family is large enough. It is no surprise, then, that Russia was known to be meddling in the U.S. election for more than a year before Nov. 2016. And given the 2-million dollar gift from Russia to Mich McConnell, it is also no surprise that Mr. McConnell blocked President Obama from making public the Russian meddling, in Sept. 2015.

It is also no surprise, given the greed-based planning for the destruction of our judicial system, evidenced again and again by Mr. Trump, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Ryan, that NO EFFORT has yet been made to block Russian (or Chinese or North Korean) interference in our NEXT federal election.

Obviously America is being sold out by its elected officials, explicitly by the ones who call themselves conservative. What they want to conserve is absolutely ONLY themselves. And in this, they are pushed merrily along by more than a few of our richest citizens, who have come to regard themselves as GODS. Gods who will live at most 100 years, then leave the noble experiment of America in ashes.

If there are functioning officials who really want to preserve the American experiment, they had better get to it quickly, before these greedmeisters complete their rape.

Mr. Clifford Slayman

ACTUALLY, THE 2016 ELECTIONS SHOULD BE INVALIDATED, DUE TO THE CORRUPTION INVOLVED. YOUR JOB IS TO OVERSEE LEGAL ELECTIONS, NOT ALLOW ILLEGAL ONES. THIS IS A WORLD-WIDE DISGRACE, ONGOING, AND WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD.

Dr. C. M. Pyle

Dark money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election.

We must act now to ensure the FEC enacts rules to stop the same from happening again in 2018.

Mr. Ron Katz

It is your responsibility, do not shirk it: Do everything within your power to protect the integrity and accuracy America's national elections.

Mr. Glen DeGarmo

Thank you for accepting my comments to the real problem of our elections.

Our elections are under attack and it appears that Russian trolls/hackers acted through various means like facebook, etc. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

d robinson

THIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN BROKEN AND CORRUPTED BY THE TRAITORS HOLDING THE WHITEHOUSE. FAILURE TO CORRECT THIS BROKEN COMMISSION IS TANTAMOUNT TO TREASON IN ITSELF.

Mr. BRIAN INZER

We need to know who uses our airwaves to air political views

Richard Crombie

It is essential for voters to know who is posting election advertising and not just the name of a shell or dummy corporation, but the actual source. We cannot allow foreign entities to influence our elections. There must be serious penalties for violators.

Mr. George Lemagie

We are constantly hearing people in power speak to transparency. Here is an opportunity for some of you to replace words with actions and speak to power.

Jim Ahearn

Knowing who pays for the political ads is necessary to make a good judgment, especially because of the past history of Russian trolls and the hidden money of corporations and other political parties.

Silvia Munger

To whom it may concern,

The 2016 election proved the influence web ads, especially on social media, can have on an election. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. Why is payment disclosure required for tv or print ads, but not web ads? Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Think of the potential impact the online ads might have had if there was some notice saying that it was paid for by an oddly named PAC. People might have done their homework and realized that foreign entities were trying to convince them to do something.

Our communications processes are only going to keep expanding and diversifying across multiple platforms and technologies. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern - there's no reason to ignore communications advancements and have to deal with the issues seen in 2016 in the future.

Mallory Bateman

The integrity of our elections are under attack. All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. Protect our elections!!

Ms. Susi Brothers

Freedom of speech does not mean anonymous speech. As a democracy, we need to know who is speaking. It is very important that information provided be simple, accurate, and verifiable to prevent impersonation as well. An agency hosting an add should be responsible for verifying that this information is accurate, and should be held equally responsible for any misinformation with significant penalties for providing misleading information.

Dr. Clinton Bliss

To protect our democracy from attack, it is essential that voters know the names and locations of all organizations and individuals who pay for political ads in all forms of media, including the internet.

Bradley Byers

In order to have real democracy, we must know who is sponsoring the messages the citizens see and hear.

Ms. Sylvia Sullivan

Our elections are under attack and our democratic system is being "hacked". To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Do your job! Make sure our political campaigns and elections are TRULY FREE AND FAIR.

Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Cregg McCullin

It is clear that our elections are under attack. As a result our elections are not fair. Therefore, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Ralph Delfino

Our elections are under attack. People getting their news from the internet are being misled by false news, the purpose of which is to influence our elections. As a result this country is descending to a place i never thought we would be.

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Mr. Kenneth Rose

I support strong rules on disclosure of internet campaign ads.

Mrs. jennifer valtine

Americans have been deluged with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of 'campaign information' which lack provable content, often are nothing more than undocumented personal attacks and the source of these so called ads cannot be verified. And their content cannot be verified. This is patently wrong. Campaign ads should have facts or comments noting their sources and be transparent.

Voters need traceable facts from traceable source so to make informed voting decisions. Today's campaign finance environment serves to misinform and delude voters. This must be corrected. Our democracy is being damaged by our current lack of control over campaign content and the sources of this content.

Mr. Eric Andersen

The public deserves to know who really is behind advertisements and that their intention is to advertise, not to inform us of the truth. Currently lobbyists or corporations can form groups with misleading names. For instance a climate denying group can call themselves Citizens for a Healthy Climate. It is vital that the original group or all members of a coalition are listed by the name we will recognize. We need to know whether a group discussing climate change is the Sierra Club or the Koch brothers.

Ms. Jasmine Wolf

A very important way to be able to judge the truthfulness of the message is to know who paid for it.

We must be able to know who is trying to sway our opinion in a public discourse.

Vincent Taylor

WE, THE PEOPLE, have the right, the need, to know who is trying to influence us; our decisions, our elections. Common sense is not so common & truth, democracy, justice & freedom cannot defend themselves.

Donald Di Russo

Honest, unfettered disclosure is the only way we the people can make honest, democratic choices. Lying and deception by big moneyed interests are destroying our country. And now they have moved right to the top. I can see no evidence that our president knows much less cares about the core values of the country. And all of his henchmen aka lackeys and toadies march to his bluster all over We the People.

Clear out the smoke and mirrors & give us the facts. Stop masking the facts behind truckloads of Big, Rotten piles of shady cash. Who are "we" protecting and why? It is certainly not We the People. Who are the real dispensibles in the country? Where would the Big Money be without a citizen base to manipulate and exploit. Keep them fair and honest. If not, then banana republic here we come.

Thank you.

Dwight Robinson

Increasingly, viewers, readers and listeners are subjected to wild and often misleading information presented in a compelling format. Ever since Citizens United decided that money was free speech, I have supported making every donor, public, commercial or private, a matter of record. We need to know the source of the information we receive, and since that flow has increased to a virtual torrent via the internet, this has become increasingly important. I urge you to address this issue as soon as possible in t of upcoming elections.

Ms. Carolyn Jackson

The Russian interference in the 2016 election is an outrage and, in my opinion, tantamount to war.

If we were to determine Russian agents were physically present, altering voting outcomes, wouldn't this prompt a very severe reaction? If the converse were true, wouldn't we expect the same from the Kremlin?

At the very least, we must learn everything we can about this illegal and outrageous intrusion upon our (flawed) democracy. Countermeasures must be instituted and those responsible, wherever they are, punished.

Respectfully,

Gary Logan

Online ads for political purposes need to be made transparent, so recipients can clearly see their sponsors

Marge Schwartz

It is well known now that America's electoral system is under threat by both domestic "dark money"-funded influence operations as well as foreign influence operations by hostile actors. To insure the integrity of America's elections, the FEC must mandate and enforce full transparency of all online political ads. At the minimum, all online political ads must require a full disclaimer listing who paid for them. In the event that this is not possible because of an ad's size or format, then a high-visibility link to the full information must be required. Additionally, copies of all paid internet political ads must be made available to the public. Americans have a right to know who is trying to influence their political opinions and voting behavior. Thank you for considering my comment.

Mr. Ulysses Lateiner

To stop secret attempts to affect our elections, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be available to the public.

Louise Martin

any and all political ads should contain acknowledgments as to who is paying for the ad and who they represent and should be identified as a political ad.

Mr. Fred Hixson

It is crucial if our democracy is to remain true, to have verifiable and transparent campaign ads. Information about the identity of anyone posting ads on the internet should be available to the public.

The important thing separating our campaigns and elections from so many in other countries is that they have not been corrupt. In this new internet era, we must create new ways to strongly regulate and monitor all campaign ads so our democracy and our elections can thrive unfettered. Thank you.

Christy Papadakis

I was a "cold warrior" in the U. S. Navy in the early 1970s. This kind activity by the Russians is the same as would have been done by the USSR in that time frame. As Putin is an ex-KGB type, such is to be expected and for the USA to counter !!!

Mr. Cyrus PICKEN

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Ms. jeanne schuster

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Mr. Gordon Turner

Our founding fathers knew the importance of open and fair elections with the transparency of who, what influences are being used in the elections and day to day business. Now it is anything but clear and much distrust in government decisions and operations with money and influence making the decisions for the well being of the populace. I for one do not feel our elected officials have mine or the interest of the nation at heart but only to enrich their own position, a sad, sad position for the USA.

Mr. David Allred

The right to stand up in the public square and speak freely about the political affairs of our nation and advocate for our own positions does not include the right to anonymity.

Mr. Ray Verna

We want to know who pays for all political ads.

Otherwise, we cannot have a democracy, and secrecy will destroy it.

Force all who pay for political ads to make themselves known, so that citizens themselves can decide on the quality of the ads, partly on that basis.

Drs. maurice and kristin shrader-frechette

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PLEASE PROTECT US FROM BIG MONEY THAT WANTS TO HIDE!

Mr. Roderic Stephens

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Mrs. Elizabeth Garratt

Federal Election Commissioners

in a world dominated by information through the internet and social media platforms clear, complete, and full disclosure of the source(s) and intent of election/campaign ads on these platforms are crucial to ensure the integrity of our most sacred duty and obligation, our vote. Thank you for ensuring that our elections remain free and unencumbered.

Mr. Michael Hoffman

I urge the FEC to require including the source and funding of all political ads posted on the internet. If the source is a candidate, the candidate's personal statement of approval should be included.

Margaret Herring

In order to insure that our elections are fair we all really need to know who paid for online political ads that we read and that may influence us.

Suzanne Holden

I am concerned for our democratic elections. We need to know the facts and the source of information.

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This is a start to having fair elections.

Lori Vest

Our democracy depends on a well-informed citizenry. There needs to be a way for each of us determine the source of the information presented in order to evaluate the accuracy and the bias.

Please help us protect our democracy by providing the citizens with the most accurate, unbiased information.

Thank you.

Ms. Marylou Morelock

I have lived through decades of elections. Each election cycle has more and more unattributed advertising statements encouraging voters to vote one way or another. Increasingly, the advertising have untrue or misleading statements designed to mislead voters. This is done without any identification of who really is behind the political ads. This is unfair.

I think it is past time to put the names of those responsible for the ads within the ads themselves in easy to read prominence. This will help voters decide the veracity of the ad.

Please help voters understand who's viewpoint they are seeing when they see an ad.

Mr. joel levine

With confirmed meddling in past elections, it's imperative that the public is fully informed as to who is paying for political ads.

Mrs. Cathy Sleva

First off, there shouldn't be money in politics, And we wouldn't need this protection. If we don't know who is paying for it we don't know who's belief and moral system is being pushed!

If any American likes the good stuff about our country, they would do everything in their power to protect our way of life. And this rule erodes every part of it!

Vote to make all ads public from who pays to have them aired.

Mr. David Sullivan

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Carol Cook

Nothing is more important to a democratic election system than the integrity of that system. At present, our system is vulnerable to attack and deliberate misinformation. It is difficult, if not impossible, for voters to distinguish between legitimate information and false information propagated by special interests or outside (non-U.S.) actors seeking to influence our election outcomes.

To counter this threat all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. William Roberson

I am deeply concerned about foreign interference in our elections. Therefore, I feel that the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

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The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. We know with 100% certainty that dark money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections.

Thank you.

Melissa Floyd

United States elections are for US citizens only. We must do whatever we can to ensure this. It is of the utmost importance for our citizens to know who or what organization is sponsoring any advertising of a candidate.

Susan Boorsma

Our political system is being threatened by the widespread use of propaganda.

The only protection that the public has against this type of manipulation is the mandatory disclosure of the sources and funding for these political advertisements. Since these ads are not bound by any regulations to be truthful, the public needs to know the sources for these, and be able to call out the dishonesty and its sources when found. Americans want to know when their sources of information are being funded by Russians or other nefarious actors. All political ads need to be fully disclosed as to their sources and funding and this needs to be disclosed in a meaningful and easily understood way (no micro-print or lawyer gibberish) during the ad or on the same page.

Mr. Christopher Holleman

To the Members of the Federal Election Commission:

I am writing to encourage you to create and strengthen the rules on Internet campaign ad disclaimers. It was disclosed this week by the Senate Intelligence Committee, in the midst of a continuing investigation, that the 2016 United States election was attacked by a foreign government. We also learned earlier this year that the same foreign government was behind thousands of ads, comments and fake accounts on social media platforms.

We must immediately employ resolute measures to ensure the integrity of our electoral systems. This includes a full disclaimer for all online political ads that disclose who paid for them, and if this is not possible because of the ad size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Additionally, copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

These and other preventative, transparent actions should be undertaken to bring our electoral processes into the 21st Century. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Daryl Taylor

I'm writing because I'm worried about foreign meddling in our elections. As such, I feel that the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

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Mrs. Sandra Rohde

It is essential in this age of truly fake news to ensure that the internet, like every other airway, require its advertisers and users to identify themselves and their affiliations. It is especially crucial in a democratic society that citizens know from whom they receive their information, so they can vote wisely. The debacle with Facebook's and Twitter's postings and advertisements during the last election exemplifies the problem. If the FCC is to do its job, it must lay down regulations to secure the transparency of the internet.

Dr. Victoria Silver

I see the FCC's move to deregulate the ISPs as a money-grubbing scam!!

IMHO, someone must be paying off what's-his-name, the chairperson of the FCC, &/or he & the ReTHUGliCONS on the FCC board are getting some financial reward (directly or indirectly), &/or someone in their circle of cronies, is going to make a frikking fortune when deregulation as a Utility occurs. Most probably the circle should be blackened for "All of the Above."

The only people who benefit from the deregulation are ReTHUGliCONS & their cronies. Period!!

Small businesses and NGO/non-profits and regular Joe- &/or Jane-Does are going to get hammered with either having to pay more to get their website before people, or simply being stuck in a slow lane with service like in the old dial-up systems.

If one wants High Speed service after the Net Neutrality dies, well, one had better bend over and be prepared for pain; the ISPs are not going to be using lube, so it's gonna hurt!!

If ReTHUGliCONS are behind it, whatever IT is, you KNOW deep down that it's NOT going to be good for the America or regular American citizens & Residents. It's gonna screw anyone who isn't in the top 1% - just look at the so-called "Tax Break" the ReTHUGliCONS wrote & passed - millionaires & billionaires are the only ones getting any kind of REAL breaks. In a very few years, the taxes on the lower 99% are going UP!

So SCREW the plans of the ReTHUGliCONS!! Fight them with everything one has; throw the gawds-be-damned Kitchen Sink at them; do whatever it takes to stop them!!

Say NO to ending Net Neutrality!!!!

Dr. Steven M Cooper

The events and actions surrounding recent elections, most notably the presidential election of 2016 demonstrate clearly that our elections are under attack.

We must take immediate, aggressive steps to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair. One way to do this is to require that all online political ads have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Ms. Eileen McCorry

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I appreciate your attention to this. Thank you.

Ms. Victoria Urias

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Ms. Daviann McClurg

In these times of what can only be described as chaotic , the public is looking to institutions like the FCC for some direction and clarity . As a citizen , I demand transparency in how my personal information is being exploited for profit and influence by parties who do not respect my right to determine who , if anyone , should be privy to said "personal" information ! I had always thought of the FCC as a gate keeper acting in the interest of the public . These days the public has become distrustful of institutions that are now headed by people who put the interest of corporations and monied individuals ahead of the public's ! This must be rectified so that we , the people , are the benefactors of regulations that protect us not make us a commodity to be bought and sold by those who put profit before "The common Welfare" of the citizenry !

Mr. michael daveiga

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Yvonne White

Please institute rules to require internet communication disclaimers for political ads.

Internet political ads funded by foreign countries compromised our elections because voters relied on false information distributed by Russian trolls.

The FEC needs to establish communication disclaimer rules to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair.

FEC Internet Communication Disclaimer Rules should include the following:

- * All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ms. Maria Rubin

It is clear that the GOP won the last election (with some offshore assistance) by spending enormous amounts of money on misleading print, radio, and television ads and social media posts. Of course you'd like to enable your allies to do so with impunity -- though it looks like they already have. Have you no conscience? You are violating political, intellectual, and ethical standards of conduct and responsibility. Aren't you (EVEN JUST A LITTLE) ASHAMED? Profits are not the only motivating force in the world -- SOME people actually do things because they're RIGHT and FAIR! Imagine that: money not being the ONLY motivator...? Or CAN you?

Shame on you!

Marilee SCHOLL

I am for many voices deciding our representatives. I never ever doubted those voices would be American citizens. It's time to know who our elected representatives are.

Ms. Sandy Wilson

This is OUR country. Our votes should determine the results of OUR elections.

Ms. Arlene Hester

Each and every ad, online, print, whatever, must have the verified buyer's name on it for all to see. That is the only way citizens can evaluate the quality of what is said in that ad. It holds ad buyers accountable to the public. Why in the world would you think it might be a good idea for ad buyers to hide their identity?

DO YOUR JOB. YOU SWORE AN OATH.

Ms. Henrietta Jenrette

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Ms. cindy cotton

I don't understand what is taking so long for our officials aren't on top of all this interference from Russia or China. Instead we just help them continue to invest in our country buying our real estate. Who are these individuals or corporations. Are we looking into their intent ,monitor and expose shady situations. Please protect our country.

Mrs. Olga Roper

All Americans have the right to know who is giving them political information. Internet communications must clearly and honestly indicate who or what organization has sent them the same way that television, radio and newspaper ads must. If this information cannot be given due to the format of the communication, then there needs to be a clear link that allows the reader/viewer to access that information.

We the people should not be subjected to communications that do not come from legal and reputable sources unless we have been given the identity of those sources.

Dr. Karin Hemmingsen

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Sincerely,
Ari Meyer

Mr. Ari Meyer

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Thanks!
Kathleen Murphy

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Information on sponsors of ads need to be provided, for protection from disinformation.

Dr. Robert Bergeron

We need fair elections to keep this country's democracy from a crisis. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them like Russia or China or North Korea. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Ms. Cyndi Clough

Dear FEC,

As a citizen of this country all of us need to know who is paying for the political ads we see on a daily basis. Advertising online presents a vast array of limitations for disclaimers, yet as a voter we need to know who is paying for an advertisement and, apparently, even if they are in the United States. I can not fully express my deep concern that millions of people will be swayed by persons or groups that should not be involved in our political affairs and are from other nations. Further, we as citizens need to know which groups, or individuals are trying to convince us they are right so that we can make an informed decision. We need to have the context behind political ads. We, as citizens, deserve a fair process when determining who we elect to power. A process that isn't obscured by layers of front groups, or organizational morass in order to hide a group(s) or individual(s), true intentions or views. We need clear, full disclaimers on the online advertisements we see. Such information should be dominant in the ad copy and clearly visible. Even more importantly, we need such rules in place BEFORE the coming elections in November 2018. I realize that may be impossible, yet I ask that you work with utmost haste and conviction, our freedoms may depend on it.

Thank you for your time,

Ms. Heather Vollstedt

Our election's should be protected as well as our democracy, please see the following:

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Mrs. Sheila Gomez

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Mrs. Candace LaPorte

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Ms. Jane Simpson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. James Fitzgerald

Citizens must know who is financing the ads that promote candidates and propositions which are put before voters before elections. We know that money buys elections so to be fully informed voters must know this information.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Richard Knablin

In an era of doubt about the validity of all news and information, where personal opinions are more highly regarded than a large body of facts about an issue, it is vital to know the source of ads, opinions, and forwarded "news". The reader can then check for herself or himself about how seriously to take the statements in the news or ad. Accountability is necessary for trust.

Chartis Tebbetts

Print and television ads must show who paid for them. Online ads reach even more people more often, and should have the same identification.

Sarah H Cassidy

Americans demand honesty! Americans have the right to know who is trying to influence our elections!

Mr. Stan Gelb

Truly clean transparent and verifiable elections, not manipulated by any outside force including dark monies, foreign government or partisan groups within the US, are the ONLY way citizens can find out what their majority wants on each issue put to them! We have not had a truly clean election for a long time. Our democracy depends on regaining this clean democratic election system, one person one vote.

Starting with now, we have to make clear who or what entity is paying for all ads, mailers, articles, etc that are sent out to voters. **VOTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHO IS TRYING TO INFLUENCE THEIR VOTING DECISIONS!**

PLEASE PASS THE LAWS THAT REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION ON EVERY SOCIAL MEDIA, PRINTED OR BROADCAST ELECTION PUBLICATIONS.

martha page

The public square in NH has moved from the general store or postal station to the internet. It is imperative to protect our democracy on line by disclosure of posted item sources.

Mr. M Adams

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Barbara Adkins

Ms. Barbara Adkins

People trying to amass power are fooling voters every day. Unless writers of ads are required to identify themselves, beyond patriotic sounding titles, voters will be misled about the reason behind their ads.

Do something about this threat to democracy, or democracy will die.

Mrs. Nancy Stamilio

We as consumers of media have a right to know the ID advertisers that advertise on any media. It should be big enough so we have this knowledge to help us make informed decisions.

Mr. John Champine

Hello.

I believe that our elections are under attack. I want to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Thank you.

Mr. Bo Bergstrom

Our elections are under attack. We've been investigating the Russian encroachments in our Facebook communications, and our emails, for over a year!

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If we do not have this kind of due diligence in place, our democratic ideals, our constitutional government will fail, and we'll all go down to tyranny and authoritarian despotism!

Ms. Bonnie Jacobson

Dear FEC:

I respect as fully democratic the advocacy of positions about issues and candidates but presenting them over the internet without identification allows external manipulation of our electoral process.

Hell, if its good enough for NASCAR, its good enough for me -- make the three most significant underwriters of any online political advertisement be listed with contact information or refuse to allow them to be published.

walter hudson

Our election system is the basis of our democracy. It should be free and open, and not hindered by foreign interference. Our founding fathers feared foreign interference and were rightfully concerned. We need to be even more vigilant now.

Mr. C Wulff

As you are creating rules on internet campaign ad disclaimers, it is imperative that the names of the people and organizations behind internet ads are made public before the 2018 elections. In the 2016 election, Russian trolls and dark money ads undermined our democratic process and our elections by running political attack ads online and posing as Americans. This cannot be allowed to happen ever, again! It is horrendous that it has happened once, already. Our country is paying a terrible price for this failure. The rules that you, the FEC, have proposed are not strong enough to prevent this undermining of our elections, our electoral process and our democracy. Therefore, they must be strengthened. This is essential and non-negotiable. Thank you for considering my views and my serious concerns for our American system of government that is under attack.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna McKee

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It is only fair that the people being targeted by campaign ads are aware of exactly who is behind them. Our last presidential election was obviously tainted by outside influences. Political ads were certainly influential, as well as voter suppression. Kris Koback / Operation Crosscheck unfairly eliminated millions of legal voters. I am thoroughly disgusted with the manipulated results of the 2016 presidential election.

Mr. Jeff Ball

It is impossible to critically evaluate information without knowing who produced it. ALL ads must be marked with their creators? and funders? Names to assist voters with this.

Amy Griffin

Net neutrality is an essential element of a democratic society. We cannot afford to repeal net neutrality regulations.

Mr. Vito Degrigoli

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Meredyth Johnson

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Mr. Peter Hancock

Our country, our democracy, our future and the future of functional government completely depends on a free and fair press. We can't go forward if a significant number of our people either don't believe anyone or only believe one sided unfair interpretations of reality. You know this. You know when your selling out for temporal advantage. We're asking , and soon demanding that you do the right thing. Thanks.

Douglas Wehrle

Our democracy has been jeopardized with access to the internet. We can not and must not allow Russia or any foreign entity to manipulate our elections. Safeguards must be put in place to protect our democracy going forward.

Suggestion: require name and proof of ad sponsorship on all campaign ads.

Ms. Barbara Ohlman

American voters should know who pays for the political ads they see. Our elections need to be free, fair, and transparent. Online political ads should include information about who paid for them, or links to that information.

Danielle LaVaque-Manty

Due to the corruption that this current administration is mired in, we the people ask for complete transparency from our government especially where elections/and the democratic process is concerned.

Ms. C Leak

Experience shows that the integrity of our elections is under attack. To safeguard the fairness of our elections, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Ms. Laila Atallah

Our elections were under attack in 2016 and they will be again in 2018 so you need to act now.

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Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public along with funding sources and target audiences. Rules similar to those for television advertising will help to ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections.

It is vital to our democracy that our elections are protected.

Ms. Sheila Stone

Public has a right to know who is paying and sponsoring political ads to judge for themselves the accuracy or bias in the ads.

This information is essential for a democracy.

Peggy Yunghahn

Please stop any and all attempts by Russian trolls to undermine our elections starting with 2018. Investigate who is behind these "ads" and disclose this information to the American People. We deserve a government of, for, and by the American people, not one of, for, and by Vladimir Putin.

Thank you.

Mr. RENE AND CAROL MANNING

It is imperative that we know the exact source of every ad trying to influence us. In this age of foreign bots and exaggerated "truth", people need to be held accountable. Our democracy is being eroded away on several fronts and this is one small way we can keep ourselves aware. We don't need fake news swaying people with untruths. PLEASE help keep our democracy strong and insist on ad sources being posted prominently. Thank you!

Ms. Pat Wagner

We need FULL DISCLOSURE so we can make informed decisions

Mr. Wayne Smith

This is one of the most important issues of our time. Identifying ads social media is critical to our election process. I strongly believe The people who attempt to influence with their ass should be identified under the app.

Mr. george merritt

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Ms. diane nero

To maintain a democracy at this point in time it is absolutely necessary for all ads to include who paid for the ad. Ads from foreign individuals and entities must be clearly marked as such, or completely excluded.

There is a great proliferation of masking techniques which need to be unmasked so that ads are honestly attributed to their funders. You may need to preclude ads from pass-through financial entities designed to obscure actual donors.

Ads which are too small or brief to properly identify funding sources should have to have a link to such information. I suggest the links be to one central file with a positioning marker to the exact relevant information. This central file should allow trace-backs when the ad-placing organization was funded by a string of donor-obscuring pass-through organizations.

jacquelyn Griffith

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Mr. Alan Sweazea

As a voting citizen, an Army veteran, a former adjunct professor/ seminar leader on the future of multimedia and Internet technologies, and a "son of the pioneers" of the Internet, I believe it is imperative that Americans have full transparency about who is paying for all online political advertising. Recent revelations about Russian efforts to manipulate our news media and our elections show that it is absolutely critical that people know in real time who is trying to influence their thinking and their votes.

Richard Raymond Jones
New York, NY

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Ms. Lisa Chapman

It is crucial that we push for internet transparency. The Trump administration just ended the position of cybersecurity coordinator - at a time when this is more crucial than ever, particularly with Russian hacking and robo postings trying to affect the politics in this country and others.

Mrs. Carol Angle

All aspects of elections must be transparent in a democracy, including who bought the ads.

Dr. Kristofer Young

Citizens must be informed of who is paying for the ads we see, whether on the internet or in any other medium. An informed electorate is critical to a democracy. Without attribution, ads become impossible to evaluate, and the democratic process is up for sale to the highest bidder. Our democracy should not be for sale!

Ms. Joan Paskewitz

Voters have the right to view and verify the sources of the information that they receive. Accurate and verifiable information is a foundation of our democracy, and failure to guarantee that is an undermining of our system of government. .

Cary Birdsall

Dear, Sir, we need very strong protection on internet ad's so we will know how is saying these things and trying to influence our elections and like the Russians did elect someone that should not be president.

they brain washed a lot of people with their programa and did damage to our election in 2016, put these protections in place before Nov. and the 2018 mid term elections so people will not be fouled with a forgain governmanet trying to under mind our country.

Mr. Roy Horn

This administration is causing great distress for the majority of US citizens (your bosses), with almost every act so far committed, all for personal gain via corruption. Self-contradictions make it clear that this president has no moral consideration of truth or the consequences of his actions. His ego and temperament could start a nuclear war on very little provocation, and the US could easily be attacked by other nations (who all know what a menace he is) in retaliation.

FEC rules must protect the nation from any more covert influence to create such dire circumstances again.

Joan Lobell

It's now clear that Russia and other countries hostile to Democracy are interfering with American elections. You must act to uncover these enemies of Democracy and loudly call them out! Dark money is subversive.

We want CLEAR information about the advertisers and their backers!

Mr. Anthony Wilson

I call on the FEC to enact and enforce disclosure rules for internet advertisements. Russian backed advertisements/memes were used to influence our last general election. The same rules that apply to print and TV should apply to social media. This is not a cumbersome requirement. Require social media advertisements to disclose their sponsor(s).

Dr. Laurel Hays

Dear Sir or Madam:

From Russia to illegal "suppress the vote", and voter ID law tactics in many states, our elections are under attack.

Our elections need to be fair. All online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. We require such information for ads for candidates, so we should expect no less transparency for online ads. I also believe that copies of paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeff Thayer

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Please make sure anyone can get information regarding how an ad is paid for and by whom.

Ms. Robin Patten

I believe that internet ads should be subject to the same rules as highway billboards, with the names of those who pay for their use.

Mr. Dennis Paull

Outrageous invasion of our elections by Russia and it's operatives, and Cambridge Analytica should be all the evidence you need to realize that our representative democracy is severely threatened. WE MUST KNOW who is influencing our elections.

Mr. Jim Wilson

After Russian interference in our last election and the whole Facebook fiasco, it is more crucial than ever to make sure that this never happens again, which means we need complete transparency regarding who is paying for political ads on the internet. I fully expect our next election to be attacked again. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. We must protect our elections from now on.

Ms. Lory Ono

I demand to know that our U.S elections are fair and transparent.

Paid internet political messages - regarding our democracy - should be made available to us, the public. To this end, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

Mrs. Shari Sirkin

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meg mazzeo

As a 67 year old who believes voting is a privilege and a responsibility, and who takes my ability to vote seriously, I am disgusted that our democracy is being threatened both from the outside and the inside. Our elections are under attack by our very lawmakers who capitulate with corporate donors and oligarchs who want to control both the process and the outcome. Since facts and truth are now endangered species, we need disclosure as to who is responsible for the claims made in political ads, and who is paying for them.

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Truth is truth. America cannot be great if our political process is based upon lies.

Ms. Charlotte Fremaux

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Ms. Kristin Arioli

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Ms. Cynthia Johnson

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Mr. JERRY PAYNE

Readers of the internet deserve to know who pays for a political ad due to the 2016 campaign's Russian attack. Constituents want to know who is paying for all political ads.

Mrs. Geraldine Mueller

Dear Federal Election Commission:

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Sincerely, Skip Dykoski

Dr. William 'Skip' Dykoski

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Thank you.

Ms. Caitlyn Geist

WTF? Our elections are under attack! That is enough for our government to act ? like NOW!

Mr. PJ Mcdaniel

On-line political ads need to be clearly labeled as to whom they are from. The only way to stop foreign meddling in our election process is to make sure all political ads, especially those on-line, clearly tell us who paid for them. If we want a free, democratic election process, we can't let our political advertising to co-opted by foreign governments and interests.

In addition, voters need to be able to judge who is designing and supporting a political ad even if the one paying for the ad is American. We can't know whether to trust an ad if we don't know whether or not we trust the entity paying for the ad, and we can't trust who we don't know. When I publish an article, I have to cite where my sources come from so people can judge whether or not those sources are trustworthy. It's the same for on-line ads: without provenance, there is no way to tell lies from truth. And without accountability, political ads can say anything they want, whether it's true or not.

So, for all our sakes, please make all political ads, on-line or otherwise, clearly state who is paying for them!

Mrs. Joy Rosenberry Chase

We need to know the source of political ads, even online.
Please update your rules to include internet communication.
thank you

Ms. Joan Martin

If proven that any American colluded with a foreign government to tamper with our election, they should be charged with treason. Our democracy and freedoms depend on honest elections void of outside influences.

Mrs. Fredrica Hicks

In order to make sure our elections are fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public. American voters deserve to know.

Ana Pape

I want to know who is sponsoring a political ad I encounter on the internet. If there is not room because of the format of the add, etc., then have a link to disclose who is sponsoring the ad.

These political messages should be made available to the public.

Eileen Olsen

In order to make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, to make sure our democracy runs as it should run, ALL online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

This is logical. It is smart.

So let's do it.

Ms. Shawn Troxell

We must have clarity and transparency as to who is sending out political information. This is essential in supporting an informed electorate and in promoting democracy.

Mr. Gerald Kline

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Ms. Kathy Bradley

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Mr. Geoff Hamer

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Ms. LOIS lommel

There needs to be transparency In All political adds internet and media.
We can?t allow other governments and SUPPER PACS of either party
manipulate the moran?s that live in America.

Chris Ford

All advertising for public office (campaigning) on the internet must include who sent the advertising, who their organization is if any, their address, and any other information needed to identify the advertiser as a US citizen. We must not allow foreign interests to meddle in our elections again.

James Bachman

companies who follow the CAN-SPAM act of 2003 are required to remove your e-mail address from their database within 10 days. If it's been longer than that and you submit your e-mail address to check if it was removed and it was found from the date of the first request and you forward that message to file a complaint, you have NOT been removed.

And, as it is; Yahoo continues to ignore your setting to opt-out of advertising.

Russia might have also interfered with the election back in 2014 so Republicans can regain control of the House and Senate.

Mr. Charles Wright

I strongly support complete transparency regarding the ultimate and final entity funding any ad on the internet.

Mr. ROGER RUNNOE

When I see a political add, I want to know whose funding it. I want to know who they are so I can judge their motive. Elections are too important to leave stuff like this in shadow.

Brian Wilkerson

I am very concerned that our election preparations are being twisted by outside influences.

One way of combating this is to make sure that all online political ads carry a notice showing who paid for the ad, just as television ads now do.

If this is not physically possible due to the design of the ad, then there should be a clearly marked link to information on the purchaser, including a standardized emoticon-type brand indicating the basic type of purchaser (foreign power, PAC, etc).

However, a better option in my opinion is a requirement that ads **MUST** follow a standardized format that leaves plenty of space for purchaser information.

There is no reason why artistic creativity should outweigh purchaser identification.

Lynne Coles

It is our right and our responsibility as American citizens to vote for our fellow Americans who will conduct on our behalf, the government of the United States on all levels, from our local municipality, to the state and to the federal offices. This is the foundation of our democracy and ONLY Americans are entitled to it. We must do all we can to protect this right, and keep our elections fair and American. It is imperative that the diversity of AMERICANS holding offices in this country is protected.

Mrs. Judith Tregellas

Protect net neutrality! The FCC is supposed to protect the American people, not big telecom companies. Opening the internet to prejudicial charges for access to content of ISP competitors will only increase costs for consumers and increase profits for big telecom companies.

Mr. Charles Plassmann

Your agency should help protect and enhance free and fair elections throughout the entirety of the United States of America. Any entity, person, group or organization, that is pursuing activities to affect an election other than to support and individual themselves must be held accountable for their actions through public scrutiny and transparency. Democracy is dependent upon the votes of the individuals voting during any election cycle, and not the votes of money interest who seem to gain unequal access to voting booths through improper or misleading advertising. Groups, organizations, companies, other countries, corporations, that represent their own specific interests that do not align with an individual citizen's unique and individual interest into which an opinion is rendered must be made known to all those voting in an election. In order to maintain a level playing field for the interest of the individual people that make up the true majority of this nation in order to maintain a level playing field for the interest of the individual people that make up the true majority of this nation. To do so otherwise would violate the integrity of any election through unequal distribution of Voting equality.

Please do your job and keep the American election system free from outside influence whether it be corporate, a country, or organizations funded by super pacs, whose interests usually represent the extreme wealthy or those who have banded together to pool funding to gain unequal access to the American election system and thus unequal access to the levers of power in our government for their own special interest in gain that is often contrary to the interest and welfare of the citizens of the United States of America.

Please keep American elections free from foul play by exposing those that wish to disrupt our free election system.

Charles Baumgartner

Our elections are under attack within and outside of the US; and the public should be aware and provided copies of all paid internet political messages.

Mrs. Joann Felters

Please do everything you can to protect the integrity of our elections. Insist that ads provide honest source information. It's imperative that we know who is providing content in order to make informed decisions.

Ms. Ann Rushton

Elections are one of the most basic features of our democracy. In order to make fully informed decisions, voters must have complete information about what person(s) or entity/ies sponsor/s political advertisements, whether for candidates or for issues. It is vital that such information be visible on all advertisements. Moreover, because advertisements pass briefly off the screen or air, the Commission should maintain a publicly available database of all political advertisements identifying those who pay for them. All entities paying for advertisements should be required to identify major donors, officers of the entities, etc.

Dr. Linda Carroll

One of the ways of judging the value of free speech is the knowledge of who is offering their opinion, knowledge, or judgement. This is especially true

of political speech, since a participant must be judged on whether they are a member of the political body making a vote, or they are outside participants who should not be influencing the vote. (This is why I do not participate in discussions, say, of Japanese, Korean, or other non-American

elections, but rather concentrate on elections concerning my 4% of the world's population.) In the free marketplace of ideas in the United States, the following rules would be helpful to identify non-foreign participants:

1. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If nothing else, it identifies to whom any answers or comments should be addressed.

2. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information - which also gives the recipient the complete argument.

3. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public. Again, one should assume that they are addressing rational adults who can sift and winnow opposing ideas to their own and make their

own evaluations and judgements. Sunlight is needed for this process.

Mr. Peter Brazitis

I support strong rules to disclose who is paying for political ads on the Internet. This is very important because Internet ads can be from any source.

Gale Gray

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Ms. Joanne Tenney

Knowing who paid for an ad, lets one know who is interesting in the candidate, helps to decide how the candidate really feels, and gives some transparency as to the sincerity of the candidate. If we know how much has been donated, we can begin to surmise that he will have had his vote bought., and vote for the money, not the way he said he would.

Pearl Joseph

Mrs. Pearl Joseph

The American public and voters are being deliberately misled in order to serve the interests of dishonest and greedy individuals and corporate entities, as well as foreign actors. Transparency in online political ads needs to be expanded in order to address this problem, including clear indication of exactly who is creating and placing the ads.

Mrs. Marilee Meyer

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Kim Holec

It is very clear that the collusion between the republican syndicate and hostile foreign governments is just part of the republican mafia's grand strategy to stamp out the voice and will of the American people. From gerrymandering to dark money campaign bribery, these gangsters are out to convert the USA into their own criminal syndicate by incrementally and methodically sabotaging our democratic electoral process.

Mr. Robert Heisler

The people of the United States insist that we be told the truth.

Linda V Maloney-Tarvers

I'm writing because I'm worried about foreign meddling in our elections. As such, I feel that the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

Internet campaign ads must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. Dark money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections. Thanks!

Ms. Alison Bourke

There should be no partisan division on this score: truth in advertising, specifically the real source of any advertising, is absolutely critical to the integrity of our democracy. The FEC must support this practice, or else we will lose control of our very Constitution and its protections.

Dr. Stephen Fleck

Disclosure is vital to democracy - especially when we know that Russian operatives - spies - got the current occupant of the white house elected through interference and lies.

Mr. William Shields

Elections by those represented, one person, one vote, and no taxation without representation all require open publication of who and what organization is promoting ideas in campaign ads, whether on candidates or issues.

Ms. Lynne Kane

Dear FCC:

I am a retired male and we need more transparency in the internet ads sent to the citizenry of the US. The people rely on our government to protect us from unscrupulous characters domestically and abroad. Many of the people in our country feel that our last presidential elections were influence by fake ads, blogs... on the internet. We need more watch dogs on the internet.

James Yourkovich

I believe the need for an internet disclaimer disclosure requirement is self evident.

I also believe that the FEC should issue regulations that require disclosure of all so called "dark money", especially through 501(c)(4) organizations, even if this is not specifically authorized by Congress. It would force a debate in Congress over the remedies to the overall problem of money in public life, such as a proposed 28th amendment.

Mr. Brian Houlehan

To whom it may concern,
I am deeply troubled by the amount of ads. formulated by foreign governments, that are promoted on social media that are designed to influence public opinion. The federal agencies have already determined that there was influence by Russia to generate doubt in our election process. And now there is more push by certain members of the Republican party to restrict the rights of citizens of this country the right to vote. And I think that voting machines especially computerized ones can be hacked, so let"s go back to paper ballots.

Mr. Harry Fisher

Our political dialogue has been totally distorted and corrupted by money under the guise of "free speech," to the extreme detriment of our democracy. If we are to remain a government of the people, rather than the oligarchs and their corporations, this must somehow change! As a first step, the FEC should immediately require that all political ads on all media include sufficient information to identify the actual person(s) expressing the political viewpoint expressed therein.

Mr. Christopher Ecker

We must make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, and to do so, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the information.

We cannot afford to have our elections overtaken by foreign interests or false parties. Thank you.

Ms. Sandra Van Sant

I want to know who is posting ads on facebook and other social media. I want to know who is paying for them. This info should be on the ad. We need to keep our elections free of this kind of outside influence. Our democracy is at stake.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson

Transparency is becoming vital in our contemporary democratic society. It was frightening to listen to congress questioning Mark Zuckerberg and to realize such a fragile handle they had on the power of the Internet. This needs to be corrected before it is too late. Transparency, the source of our information, needs to be available and available to all for our democracy's well-being.

Ms. Elizabeth Suta

I believe that Everyone should know the source of propaganda directed at them from any media. Shine the brightest possible light on these people and or organizations. It sounds trite but Democracy dies in darkness. Britt Dickinson.

Mr. Britt Dickinson

Please allow the American public to see who pays for online advertising.
Let us decide our own elections free from foreign influence.

Kerry Driscoll

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be updated to be comprehensive and modern.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

We citizens have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

It is VERY scary how dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Thank you.

Reed & Karen Dils

All Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence their voting decisions. Foreign influences should be proscribed by law, where possible, and should be thoroughly transparent in their efforts when allowed.

This country should never allow sneaky and underhanded tactics in elections regardless of where they might originate.

Dr. Clare Smith-Larson

IF A PERSON OR ENTITY ISN'T WILLING TO "OWN" IT, DON'T WRITE IT, SAY IT, DO IT, SEND IT.

IF YOU WERE PROUD OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING OR DOING, YOU WOULD NOT FEEL THE NEED TO BE ANONYMOUS OR "TRICKY, SLY, BELOW BOARD," ETC.

IF YOU ARE ASHAMED, DON'T DO IT, SAY IT, SUPPORT IT.

PRETTY SIMPLE.

Ms. Roslyn Walker

- ? We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
- ? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
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Mr. Martin and Sharon McGladdery

Transparent elections are critical to the United States of America. Having Diebold and other machines that are easily hacked, not completely opening up who is paying for ads, and not having a paper ballot to ensure that the data are valid just lead to the mess we have now.

We also need early voting and proper write in across the land. Every state's voting commission should develop software and best practices to ensure that we are not disenfranchised for no valid reason. ID should not be required for registered voters. We have a harder time getting people to vote than worrying about folks doubling down. While it happens, it is so rare as to be equivalent to an individual raindrop in a deluge causing a flood.

Let's also go back to the Fairness Doctrine. No more infotainment from our news organizations. The volume spewed on the TV candidate versus the entire rest of the Republican slate guaranteed Trump's election. The apocryphal quote: "I don't care if you talk well or poorly of Ford, so long as you're talking of Ford."

We need fairness in campaigning, and fairness in voting. Thank you.

Ms. Carin Barbanel

We need transparency on internet ads:

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Sincerely,

Charlie Graham

Mr. Charlie Graham

ADVERTISING OF ANY KIND MUST BE CLEARLY AND PROMINENTLY, LOUDLY AND IDENTIFIABLY SIGNED AS TO THE COMPANY AFFILIATION OR PERSON FROM WHOM IT WAS PAID AND OR INITIATED.

DECEITFUL ADVERTISING IN POLITICS IS DANGEROUS, MISLEADING, MORALLY WRONG AND SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN THE POLITICS OF OUR COUNTRY.

Mrs. s nico

For maximum voter participation, it is vitally important that voters know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. In this day of online media, people need to be able to evaluate the sources of information. The FEC should update its transparency rules to address the way new technology has changed the the way people receive information. Disclosure rules that now apply for radio, television, and print advertisements should also apply to online and other social media. Please protect our democracy!

Dr. Craig Nazor

We, the people, deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Alan Schwartz

I want to know who is paying for ads on television, radio, road signs, billboards, and social media. An informed electorate is fundamental to democracy and citizens can only be informed by facts. Knowing the financial backers is a fact that is foundational to being informed.

David Todd

I urge you to to strengthen the disclosure rules for on-line political advertisements in order to ensure that the public can properly weigh the value of their contents. Democracy relies on a well-informed public, and such disclosures are already required for Radio, TV, and print media. Those disclosures help the public to reach better-informed decisions.

With the absurd decisions of the Supreme Court allowing virtually unlimited "independent" spending to support candidates, the need to identify funding sources is greater than ever. As on-line sources command an every growing portion of the public's attention, the modest protections afforded other media should be extended to on-line media.

Mr. Richard Dawson

All origins of advertisements, regardless of where they are posted, must be identified. My e-mail was asked for, as well as my address, simply because I want to state an opinion. Why should I be identified when advertisers are not identified? Each and every one of us has the right to know where the information is coming from that we are reading.

Ms. Dori Dietz

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Richard Stern

It is essential to protect our country and our democracy against Russian and other foreign cyber attacks on our free elections. To that end, all internet campaign ads must be strictly regulated with full disclaimers and submission of the identities of the originator and the funder of the ad. We must ensure that our 2018 election is protected against all foreign and dark money influences.

Peter Kirchner
Bethesda MD 5-19-2018

Peter Kirchner

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Andrew Goldman

We need protections against the spread of propaganda and false statements on the Internet especially about our elections. With the ever changing technologies available we need to be able to decipher what is real and who is paying for specific ads and videos. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

We need transparency. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Thank you.

Geraldine McGlynn

With so much misinformation out there, knowing the source helps me determine if I should believe the information I see in advertising and social media. I have a right to know that information.

Ayla Ficken

I am writing to express my strong support for REG 2011-02. This regulation would safeguard our democracy and protect free and fair elections. Here in California, we're passing legislation so the public knows who is paying for the political advertising. Whenever use the internet, listen to the radio, drive on the freeways, or open our mail we may be subject to paid advertising to influence our positions. I fully support the use advertising this way. But reasonable steps must be taken so that the public can be aware. This regulation is crucial in protecting the internet from being dominated by misinformation and propaganda. The open exchange of knowledge is a pillar of a just society and failure to enact this regulation jeopardizes this tenet. Please support REG 2011-02 and codify disclaimers in internet communications.

Steven Fritzsche

To all this may concern,

I am politically active as much as I can be and the trend that I see coming from certain politicians to subvert the will of the people to know about who is addressing them online and elsewhere. So, any weakening of a regulation that protects me as a citizen of these here United States to know about those pushing adds on my social media platforms is unwise and should be strengthen not weakened.

So, please retain strong requirements to ensure we the people know the sourcing of the adds we see every day.

Sincerely,

John E. Persichilli

Mr. John Persichilli

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Please don't ignore the wishes of your constituency.

Thank You

Cindy Green

Ms. Cynthia Green

The basic task of the FEC is to safeguard every citizen's right to vote freely without being blocked by onerous requirements. Political parties and other entities that seek to discourage certain populations from their voting rights with such rules, should not be allowed to prevail.

Since technology involved with voting has been compromised, methods of voting that allow simple paper ballots to be retained and re-checked must now be required everywhere. Mail-in ballots may be the most efficient way to expedite voting.

The practice of gerrymandering must be discouraged by setting up non-partisan oversight committees in each state that redistrict after each census according to population-density distribution, not political party distribution.

The more uniform these basic requirements are throughout the country, the fairer citizen perception of the system will be. This is the FEC's core mission.

Dr. Roxanne Fand

What happened in the 2016 election was shocking and inexcusable. Ads on TV, radio or publications must indicate the source of the ad. The same standard must be applied to internet political ads. Without such a provision, citizens will have no opportunity to identify the source of information presented to them. In 2016 that included information provided by foreign adversaries of the USA and we, the American people did not know it.

The FEC is charged with ensuring fair elections and with ensuring the American electorate is not being manipulated by foreign interests. Ensuring that internet political ads clearly identify their source and that foreign actors do not infringe on our free elections by inserting their opinions into the American debate is essential.

Please establish clear rules and standards requiring appropriate disclosure of the source of all political ads and opinions published on the internet and hold internet companies responsible for enforcing those provisions.

The American people are entitled to know who is trying to influence their electoral decisions.

Ms. Gale Oppenberg

American voters have a right to know who pays for the ads that are purchased to try to influence their votes. Especially now, in a political climate in which lies are the most common currency, every form of ad should include clear, accurate, and thorough information about whose money made the ad possible. Online ads should include a link to the web site of the advertiser.

We know that, in the last big election cycle, ads were purchased by foreign governments in an effort to sway our citizens' opinions and influence election outcomes. An informed citizenry needs to know where the information they see is coming from.

Please use your position to strengthen protections for America's voters.

Sincerely,
Debora Chandler
Debora Chandler

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms. Sharon Wolfe

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Mr. Alexander Fierro-Clarke

When it comes to campaign advertising, transparency is Key. Please demand it to the fullest.

Peter Lambert

At this time, when U.S. citizens are being bombarded with advertisements and "fake news" from many sources including adversarial countries and shadow organizations, our democracy is in grave danger. Rules requiring transparency in the sources of advertisements are necessary to a citizenry that is informed rather than misled and manipulated. Such regulations should be increased and strengthened at this time. Thus, I am writing to urge that the adoption of Alternative A, ie, requirement for full disclosure of sources for online ads.

Dr. James Wiesner

If any organization or individual wishes to spent money to influence any election they must be required to identify themselves and their ties to the election whether it be personal or business interest.

Mr. Brian Arneman

Our democracy gives Americans the right to vote
in fair and free elections

Mrs. Cynthia Gilliard

Dear FEC,

We need to strengthen, not weaken, our online disclosure rules. The existing rules have not kept up with technology - they need to be the same as for any form of communication, i.e. print, radio, and television.

We already know that improper meddling in our elections has occurred (according to 17 different U.S. intelligence agencies). Much of this was due to essentially fake or hidden actors.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Ms. Nancy Navarro

Citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes;

the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads as well.

Thank you

Dolores McCue

As a voter, I want to know who is paying for advertizements for a particular candidate or legislative initiative. That is important information to me. The more transparency there is regarding funding sources the more informed choices I will be able to make. This transparency should include all media sources, including the most widely used source - the internet; facebook, etc. There is no good reason for not providing this information. If a funding source does not want to be known, it is likely not in the best interests of the public at large.

Sincerely
Jeannie Dunham
Denver, CO
Jeannie Dunham

I feel strongly about knowing who is buying ads and contributing content that has the power to influence public opinion particularly as it relates to elections and national and international policy. I am asking for transparency and the requirements for individuals and groups purchasing ads online to identify themselves in print so that I be better informed about whether the content is accurate. For those who have unlimited financial resources to sway opinions, there must be responsibility and accountability to the viewers.

Sherry Dorman

As has been stated in the documents supporting the beginnings of our Constitution a populace must be informed if it can ever be able to govern themselves. The democratic ability of the vote cannot have a good result without the education of the people with that power. We need transparency in all of the elements of the internet, especially the advertisers. Thank you.

Mr. K. Laurence Barlow

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should and must apply to online ads too.

Mr. Malcolm Paine

The freedom of individual citizens to comment is a vital part of American citizenship and must be protected. At the same time methods must be generated to deny access to social platforms to those disseminating outright deceptions and lies. Perhaps the US Mail could be useful in this effort. Before one can post one must provide a real street or house address to which a form can be mailed and responded to with personal info similar to that some states require to allow a person to vote, i. e. a photo ID--NOT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER--and a copy of three utility bills mailed to the name and address provided.

We entered Canada last year with a friend who had no passport by using her driver's license, her birth certificate and three utility bills mailed to her address. We reentered the USA with the same documents.

The drivers license would not be a good idea for this kind of identification because some "dreamers" do not possess them and resident aliens need to have approved ways to make their political concerns public in social fora. Perhaps a copy of their "green card" could serve.

Mr. Tom Evans

Online advertising should be subject to the same regulations that require transparency in other advertising media. Please see that this happens.

Ms. Teri Buchanan

We absolutely deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology in order for us to be sure information we are being shown is truthful and not coming from people or corporations or even other nations that do not have our best interests at heart.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

thank you for taking time to read this request.

Mr. scott pemberton

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George Gaydos

FEC

I have been and continue to be a very strong supporter of the First amendment.

I believe it is the most important couple of sentences in the entire US Constitution.

I recently retired after 39 years of teaching. Almost all of those years I taught US Government to Seniors in High School. During that time I developed an entire unit on the First amendment.

Requiring the source of political ads in no way threatens any First amendment right. In fact it enhances it. Freedom of speech was enshrined in the constitution not solely to protect the right of the speaker to speak but in addition it was to protect the listeners right to hear.

Hearing or seeing the organization who is funding a political statement enhances freedom. It does not limit it.

Sincerely

Roger O'Sullivan

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It is the MANDATE of the Federal Elections Commission to ensure that our United States elections are FAIR and not unduly influenced by ANYONE. This means PROTECTING our elections from ATTACKS, either FOREIGN or DOMESTIC. And part of this protection MUST be the FULL DISCLOSURE of WHOMEVER pays for online POLITICAL internet ads. The PRIMARY investor for ANY online ad MUST be listed WITHIN that ad. Subordinate investors (i.e., those who did not pay as much as the primary investor in order for the ad to run online) MUST be listed either within the ad, or via a link embedded within that ad. The Federal Elections Commission MUST DO ITS JOB and PROTECT Americans from DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS like the ones that so negatively INFLUENCED our 2016 NATIONAL ELECTIONS!!!

K. Johnson

I wish to remind the committee that you shouldn't be making policy on your own behalf but policy that represents the majority of the voters. The majority of the voters did not vote for this president.

Julian Cohen

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

This issue is very important for our democracy. Please take action to insure our elections are not tampered with by foreign entities and oligarchs as well as our own richest citizens.

If these individuals do spend money to influence our elections, at least we should know who is broadcasting the propaganda.

Ms. Geralee Gray

I strongly support rules that require clear identification of what persons or political groups are paying for political ads on the internet. These disclosures should appear on the ad itself. TV political ads are required to make this disclosure, and so should this newer internet form of communication be required to do the same. We now know that the Russians and dark money paid for ads geared to influence the 2016 elections. People need to be able to trust the veracity of the ads they see. Only by identifying clearly on the ad who is paying for the ad will work.

Ms. Joyce Kelly

The transparency regulations for political ad sponsorship, if anything, need to be made greater. This is a no-brainer. We've got foreign governments buying ads to influence our election; we've GOT to get tougher. Weakening transparency regulations, in this environment, is tantamount to treason.

William Cannon

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Do what is right for the American people.

Ms. Theresa Hadden-Martinez

As a citizen, I expect the FEC to make it possible and easy to see who is paying for public/political paid communications. Concepts that have worked in traditional mass media - radio, television - need to be reworked for internet communications.

Exceptions for impracticality should be kept to a minimum, or those who wish to reach mass audiences while remaining anonymous will use these as loopholes. If the medium doesn't support a notice, then a separate formal public notice or link to more information could be required.

The commons is a messy place where trust is made or broken. A health democracy requires trust. Transparency is one tool. A possible compromise approach could be a system similar to receiving public financing in exchange for rule compliance. Making it easy for the public to identify communications that follow behavior that supports a healthy commons and democracy is another approach that is more carrot than stick. The FEC could build the framework and technical mechanism.

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in this healthy, public debate.

Herb

Mr. Herbert Diamant

It is important to inform all about who is being given behind the scenes of all ads and infomecicals given to form political opinions concerning our voting process.

Mr. Timothy Kerns

We need transparency and should know who's trying to influence our views and votes.

Benita Sanders

Disclosure rules for the internet should be treated no different than they are for TV, radio, and print advertising. The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence their views and votes. In addition, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Voting and voting rights are facing unprecedented pressure from forces that do not have democratic goals in mind. Stay alert and make sure you protect our democracy.

Mr. Robert Curry

Once again, our country is duped in an election. In 2000, the Supreme court put the fix in on top of Florida doing a 3rd world job of running a state election with inconsistent ballots and hanging chads. Our country and the world suffered immeasurably as George Bush and Dick Cheney lied us into war, failed to regulate Wall Street and caused a near depression. In 2004, John Kerry likely was defeated in Ohio because of black box electronic voting and was unfairly smeared by the swift-boat campaign. His honorable service being smeared by calling into question his purple heart. The Navy defended this outrage but too many red state Americans like latching onto fake news and Republican fairy tales. Now, thanks to James Comey breaking the law by making public an opening up of an investigation into Hillary e-mail on the 11th hour (11 days before the election), and not telling the public about the Russian investigation, put his finger on the scale and sealed her fate, and that of America. His weasel word excuse of protecting the reputation of the FBI is both transparent and nuts. Everybody wants to blame Hillary for not going to Wisconsin or whatever, but having to overcome dark money in the billions from the Koch brothers, propaganda on Facebook and the internet from the Russians, and Russian bots, money funneled by the NRA and other lies spewed by Fox on a regular basis is hard to overcome when so many voters are low information and under informed. Trump lies like a rug but so many desperate voters want to believe in lies if they sound good. We are having our Democracy taken from us continually since the year 2000. The Republicans in the Congress are running interference for a criminal president. The Republican party is populated by anarchists, as they sure aren't patriots.

Edward Miller

I urge the FEC to better protect election information that voters receive online. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes - we need to know the sources of the information. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio and print ads should apply to online ads too. I am concerned about election integrity and protecting the rights of all voters.

Respectfully, Andrea Aidells

Ms. Andrea Aidells

In light of the efforts of both mega-rich Americans and foreign governments to influence elections in the USA through fraudulent advertising and material posted to the internet, it is essential that the American people be given the fullest and most transparent information possible about the source of these ads and this material. I therefore strongly urge you to support Proposal A with the stronger reporting and disclosure requirements.

Steven Davis

We must pay more attention to our democracy--and how it has been manipulated, by some of our fellow citizens who do not value it and even by foreign adversaries who wish to take it down. All foreign connections and monies should be identified. Adds and even statements on social media should be identified by location and nationality.

Byron Lindsey

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

I want to know who is trying to influence my views and how I vote. Our democracy is endangered by foreign influence, through their dark money, fake news and bots working to feed us false information. This needs to be corrected, not by relaxing FEC rules.

Mrs. Georgette Engard

The FEC should update its rules to keep up with new technology for good and fair transparency. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our votes and views: Because never again should we let Russia hack social media and hijack our elections. Never again should we let a country hack democracy.

If we can't stop Russia or any other country from hacking our democracy again, then we're not truly the land of the free: We'd be the land of fake news, social media giants, broken dreams, and nothing more.

We Americans deserve better.

Bart Ryan

As a democratic republic we depend on having fair and transparent elections.

The current climate under which live after Trump's election shows how difficult it is to have a functioning government that represents all the people, whether they voted for Trump or not.

If we wish to learn from this horrible experience we must prepare the way now for transparency in everything involving every candidate; how he/she promotes herself and who is working/paying for her message. There is no reason to lose control of our elections just because some candidates have more money.

We should consider limiting the amount of money used by any single candidate.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit my ideas.

Ms. christine maciel

When I donate to political causes I have to supply personal information to prove that I am making the contribution. It seems only fair that PACs and corporations should have to do the same. Since foreign governments have tried to affect election results, this is even more critical. People should not be allowed to hide their involvement behind a corporate entity. If a corporation is donating, its officers and major contributors should be identified.

Mr. Ron Bartholf

American voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online advertising, as well.

Julie Blume Nye

We must do our do diligence as a democratic moral society. Our government has to do its utmost to make sure Our elections are not under attack by foreign governments.

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Melody Fiore

Ms. melody fiore

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thank you for reading this!

Kathy Green

Ms. Kathy Green

If a person or organisation is honest why would they object to revealing their identity? If they are not honest, why would we be interested in aiding and abetting their dis-honesty?

Mr. Fred Powell

We as Americans must be informed when there is outside of our country influence on our elections. What happened in the last election should have never happened.

Mr. Israel Gonzalez

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Ms. Akila Mosier

Net Neutrality is essential for us to have meaningful freedom of speech online. The loss of Net Neutrality will not only allow internet service providers to gouge their customers, but it will also be a major step towards making us a totalitarian dystopia like China, with its Great Firewall.

Mr. Lucius Chiaraviglio

To Whom It May Concern:

The transparency rules that govern radio and tv and print should also apply to the internet. After all, the internet is just another technology for communication. Communication is communication, no matter what form it takes.

Since communication is vital to the maintenance of democracy, it is imperative that there be full transparency in every way regarding communication. Only then can citizens make an informed decision regarding important issues.

Please apply tv, radio and print rules to internet communication also.

Sincerely,

Maralyn Hamaker

Maralyn Hamaker

Political ads. should include information on who is paying for them, either as part of the ad. or in a link.

Lesley Boyland

I expect the FEC to apply the highest standards to regulate all communication platforms, including the internet, social media, text, phone and all the traditional information services such as newspapers, radio and television to PREVENT foreign influence and misinformation being published, posted on the net, or any other method. It is a crime to allow anyone or any nation to actively try to sway the votes of the americans targeted by such illegal forms of communication.

Mr. David Weitzer

I believe that our elections are under attack when those paying for my attention are not identified. If ads are from foreign powers, PACs, or wealthy individuals, I want to know. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Jan Mitchell

Do you expect people who are not represented fairly (proportionally) by our government to still pay our taxes?

Mr. Lorin Peters

As an American citizen and voter I demand transparency in online ads. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. Sarah Brown

Citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence their views and votes. These facts are important so that we may make informed decisions.

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Disclosure rules that now apply for TV, radio, and print ads should also apply to online ads.

Thank you for taking consideration of my opinion.

Ms. Bernadine Turner

Simply put, not knowing who's behind these ads is a NATIONAL SECURITY RISK. Americans expect you to do the right thing.

Ms. A. Norris

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Lanny Myska

Transparency is essential to a strong democracy. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. You are personally responsible for making decisions which maintain our democratic values.

Kathy Ter Veen

The origin of online comments and advertisements must be identifiable to all who view them. The same standards for all other communications media must be applied to public and social internet sites. Plenty of damage has already been done by allowing propaganda and false information planted by foreign sources and biased and racist organizations that violate our constitutional standards. Please adjust your requirements for transparency and honesty for all media of whatever nature.

Dr. Jacqueline Eliopoulos

Online Ads should come under the same laws as those of print, TV and Radio. An open loophole like that is unacceptable.

Mr. John Back

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology; the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Dr. John Lurz

It is essential to our democracy that we know who is paying for the ads of candidates on the internet. I urge you to require advertisers to clearly identify themselves, as they must on other media.

Ms. Joan Walker

In this age of "Fake News", it is important to know where the "news" is coming from and who is presenting it. This allows one to rate the quality of the news.

I grew-up in a society where there was only state-sponsored news; no opposing viewpoint. Now we have the opposite; an overabundance of questionable viewpoints. Neither is good for an informed public.

For me to judge the quality of the news, I'd like to know who is sponsoring it!

Wolfgang Fischer

Dr. Wolfgang Fischer

The American Public need protection from foreign interference and internal subversive groups placing political ads without the public knowing who us behind them. Please pass stronger disclosure laws.

Ms. Teresa Hatfield

I support full transparency rules and regulations that apply to TV, radio and print ads be applied to the internet.

Robert Morrison

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. To accomplish this, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. In addition, the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Stephen Weeber

FCC regulations should be open to the public for awareness of who is paying for all political messages.

Mr. Doug Dunkle

Under the definition of "public communication" I feel that any electronic communication not sent by private email address is a public communication. And they should be considered public no matter what devices they are sent to. Also, in my mind if the email recipient's addresses are obtained through a paid-for distribution list, it enters the public communications domain when the email is for a political campaign, political ad, or other electioneering purpose.

The Commission's attempt to add to the definition of "public communication" the devices it might be sent to rather than limiting it to just on websites is a good one.

I also don't see why the definition should be limited to "communications placed for a fee". I believe the definition in relation to internet communications should be even broader than that.

It used to be that the only way to get a message out to millions of people would require paying for it to be placed in media or mailings. Now, ideas and messages put on social media can go out to millions of people without paying any fee at all. It is important for people to know who is actually behind what they may be reading in social media. So "public communication" rules definitely need to apply to political campaigning and elections-related communications put out by entities and organizations (excepting private individuals expressing their own opinions) on all of the social media platforms regardless of whether a fee was paid.

As far as the rules surrounding the disclaimers: I believe the disclaimers should be very robust. Any weakening of the disclaimers would be a mistake. The American people deserve to know who is targeting them with ads and communications surrounding our elections. I cannot imagine what advantage it would be to the electorate to have weaker disclosure rules online when compared to the disclosure rules for tv, radio, and print.

Ms. Cathy Poff

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Glen Colwell

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mrs. Lorrie Waldorf

Regarding Regulation 2011-02, I am in favor of the strongest disclosure rules possible for online political advertisements so that everyone knows who is paying for Facebook and other internet ads targeting voters. It makes sense that the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Ms. Paula Grande

Online, as in life, who the speaker is influences what the words mean.
Americans have a right to know who --on any side--is trying to direct their
votes.

kate powers

I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my vote. The FEC transparency rules must be updated to keep up with new technology. Online ads should follow the same disclosure rules as are applied to print, TV and radio ads. It's common sense.

Mr. Gene Mucciolo

We need to know if foreign powers attempt to influence our elections. We also need to know WHO is sponsoring campaign ads. Require disclosure on internet ads, the same as broadcast ads.

Ms. Susan S. Pastin

It's critical the FEC require labeling and awareness for internet-based political ads. At this point or in the near future, more political ad dollars will be spent for online ads than for traditional TV and print ads which already require this regulation. If we want to keep voters informed and educated, we must pass legislation requiring this.

Megan Moore

The laws protecting our elections need to be constantly updated to allow the voting public to be fully aware of the purchaser and sponsorship of all types of election advertising.

We need to know who is involved in influencing all elections.

This information needs to be easily accessible to the public.

Mr. Thomas Geinzer

The news, the web are tools for expressing our valuable first ammendment rights and forming our opinions. We as Americans need to know that we are basing our views on facts provided by reputable outlets

Mr. Drew Politzer

The American voters deserve to know what group(s) sponsor any political ad and any issue ad and where this group(s) got its financing. We must end the use of all dark money in elections.

Dr. William McKinney

The FEC should require advertisers to reveal who they represent when posting a political ad online?just as is required of TV and print media.

This is crucial to our democracy!

Ms. Polly Clement

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mrs. Maureen Biscardi

Who is trying to get our elections to go they're way internationally? Stop them

Ms. Jennife Baratta

We need to make every effort to protect the important foundations of our democracy, like elections. To ensure that elections are fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information. And copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. David Wright

It is common sense that I want to know "who" or "what" I am hearing from or buying from when I see any form of advertising. I believe this is equally true in political advertising. Our elections should not be influenced by inappropriate sources. Keep our democracy safe and free. We need strong disclaimer rules from the FEC.

Sharon Conway

Political ads should provide full disclosure of who is paying for the ads.

Mr. Ronald Smith

I believe the more open people are with each other, the farther we can move together.

Mr. Nathaniel Brydges

All US elections, whether on the State level or Federal, need to be guaranteed free of fraud and manipulation. Likewise, the people of the United States deserve the chance to vote without molestation, and without the need to jump through hoops. While voter fraud is extremely rare, there is evidence that outside parties did at least attempt to manipulate the vote in the 2016 election. This cannot stand.

We need verifiable balloting and receipts for cast votes, and voting systems that are far more resistant to tampering than our current system. My preference would be a total disconnect of local voting systems from internet connection to prevent even the chance of tampering, with a printed copy of the totals along with the electrically-transmitted results to the national voting centers.

This would provide verified results and eliminate outside parties from altering votes.

We do NOT need tighter Voter ID laws; that form of fraud is almost nonexistent, as has been repeatedly proven. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Michael Heinsohn

My previous comments were for the wrong subject. Sorry about that.

As to Political advertising, we need full disclosure of the origins of the ads placed before us, whether on the Internet or elsewhere. Such ads should also be subject to vetting for factual content. Properly, we should be informed of who paid for the advertisement as well.

It is imperative that we have this full disclosure to prevent outside tampering in our elections, and to prevent the spread of falsehoods about our candidates. We cannot allow our elections to be manipulated.

Thank you for your consideration, and again I apologize for my previous misplaced comments, which belong under a different (though related) subject.

Michael Heinsohn

Our election system is under attack. I am concerned that enough is not being done to resist this attack and preserve our free election system. All political adds should have full disclosure on who/what group paid for the ad. At the very least there should be a link to the sponsor group. Copies of paid political messages on the internet should be available to us, the public.

Ms. Alexandra Dailey

I am writing on behalf of myself;

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Raul Meza

Mr. Raul Meza

It is clear that foreign powers tried to influence our election by putting out ads that were false and misleading. They were meant to scare and intentionally divide American Citizens with no vetting to make sure who paid for these ads.

These rules need to be updated because there are all kinds of cyber attacks to banks, retailers, hospitals, Equifax possibly our power grid. We know the DNC was compromised. So all these things need to be addressed by Google, Facebook etc. with FEC rules.

Mrs. Miriam Hemphill

Monday, May 21, 2018 ~11:30 AM edt

Dear commission,

I regurgitate LWV's good reasons for requiring disclosure on internet ads, etc.

Here are some talking points to use when submitting your own comment:

**The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

**Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

**The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

** Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

** the FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

**Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

P.Woodside, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

Hon. P. Woodside

With regard to the loosening of rules that regulate political online advertising. After what has transpired in the last few years it is unbelievable that anyone would even consider thinking this is a good idea!

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Patrick Bushart

I'm writing to urge you to require transparency in online ads.

As Americans, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. TV, radio, and print ad disclosure rules should also apply to online ads.

I urge the FEC to update its transparency rules to match the new technologies that can be used by hidden interests to influence Americans.

Mr. Peter McKnight

Since before we discovered that foreign governments were running ads in our elections, I've been concerned. The question is always, "Whose ad is this, and why would they spend money to influence me? What do they have to gain? and what might someone else lose?" No matter the issue or election, knowing if something is an ad or a legitimate news item and knowing who is responsible for the piece, is of paramount importance to an informed electorate. Please don't allow disclosure to be hidden or removed. As citizens, we need to know who is doing the talking, so that we can decide whether we should give it a listen.

Mr. William Vinett

Online advertisements particularly politically charged ones must fully disclose the sponsor and creator of such ads in big bold print accompanying their ad message. As a fourth generation American and veteran I am deeply concerned that nefarious persons are seeking to divide the hearts and minds of good Americans. From Fox news to Putin I have never witnessed such an assault on rational thinking. It has cost me lifelong friendships and I want accountability now so we will not have to spend the rest of our lives debunking liars and their motives

Mr. Victor Zboralski

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mrs. Lisa Keim

It is time to get dark money out of our political system. Promote transparency by making it clear who is paying for these advertisements.

Judy Dolphin

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

Dana White

- 1).SECURE OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS FROM ANY PARTY TAMPERING
- 2).END GERRYMANDERING
- 3).ENSURE THAT NO FOREIGN COUNTRIES CAN ACCESS AMERICAN VOTING EQUIPMENT THROUGH ANY FORM OF SABOTAGE WHATSOEVER

Dr. Brian Gottejman

It is most essential that FEC campaign advertisement disclosure rules take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising such as television and print ads. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and clear to those receiving them.

Internet campaign ads should, without exception, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step. The funder of an ad must be made explicit.

The disclaimer rule must be in place for as much of the 2018 election cycle as possible, i.e. immediately.

The FEC must make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, and make these copies available to the public through an online link at the FEC site.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical matter.

Hannah MacLaren

I support strong rules on disclosure of internet campaign ads. Our elections should not be influenced by anonymous foreign actors. Internet ads should be subject to the same disclosures as radio and TV ads.

Mrs. Amy Claxon

I am an American citizen, married to a Canadian, living in Ontario, and I vote. I support strong rules on disclosure of internet campaign ads. We as a country must make sure that foreign entities have no influence on our election process in any way, shape or form. Our democracy needs protection in order to be free.

Thank you

Sandra Hamp-Lane-Mortensen

Ms. Sandra Hamp-Lane-Mortensen

To Whom this may concern,

With regards to internet campaign advertisements given the recent news of foreign involvement in US campaigns:

The FEC needs to require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

The FEC needs to make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to that which the libraries kept for television advertising.

Please add an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

The public needs to fully understand the source of online advertisements in order to conscientiously vote.

Thank you,
Nan York

Ms. Nancy York

It is vital to a democracy that there is total transparency in all things regarding elections. To this end, it is necessary that it is made totally clear who is funding political ads. This includes ads that may not directly endorse any candidates but are aimed at influencing opinions and guiding potential voters to a particular candidate. Total honesty in all areas in society furthers democracy and should not be so hard to achieve. Every ad regardless of how it is distributed must include a very clear list of every funder and must not be hidden behind a made up organization name created to deflect or confuse who is really behind the ad.

Thank you.

Mrs. Alice Hendrix

We must do everything we can to protect our national security by protecting the internet from Foreign hackers! I use the internet daily as a huge political activist I know!

Ms. LAURA ANN K BERNSTEIN

Having an open internet has been good for all of us. We use it daily for news, recipes, communicating with family, near and far, and we even use it to buy anything we want. the internet has allowed our children to do their research from home or wherever they happen to be. We get our college degrees online. Some people work on the internet instead of travelling to an office building thereby decreasing the amount of traffic in our cities. The point is it is a big par of all of our lives and to have it be harder to do the things we need to do would be horrible for us! A free and open internet has become essential to our well being.

Mrs. Sherlynn Miller

We should have the right to know who is trying to influence us and our vote. FEC transparency rules need reviewing and updating! The disclosure ads we have for TV, radio and print should apply equally to online ads!

David Conley

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Our democracy relies on a well-informed public ? and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we?re hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites should have a ?paid for by? disclaimer. Updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know.

Marianna Manns

Too many advertisements especially political ads. are tracked by cookies or other means. people often do not want to have their email and or other personal information available to unknown parties. Many people just don't have the time or inclination to take extra steps to inquire or verify where or who the ads originate from. Also, it is easy to read something, even with the knowledge that it is an advertisement, to assume that the information is accurate or coming from a trusted party. Once information is assumed/accepted by an individual it is stored in their memory as fact. It is especially important to be aware of where this information originates from at the time it is read to allow an individual to know the source from which it comes. This is extremely important for our democracy to succeed.

Cheryl Hanks-Hicks

Keep a log of the sources of funding for ads and posts during this election. As a voter, I want to know who is providing election campaign contributions and endorsements for our candidates. Put sources on every advertisement.

Joyce Roderick

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

Ms. Marcia Halpern

To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them, and it should appear prominently before the ad.

Mr. Gary Burns

I applaud your efforts to bring some daylight into online political advertising but feel that it does not go far enough.

Apparently if messages don't fall into the "express advocacy" criteria bucket advertisers don't have to report the ad. This along with other loopholes, seems to have allowed a large portion of digital ad buyers and their spending to remain hidden.

All online PAID political issue driven messages should have clear, full and prominent disclosure of main source and all other sources of funding.

Unlike Print, Radio & TV it is too difficult to tell who is funding the site and who is funding ads. Most savvy readers, listeners and TV viewers have some idea of the political slant of the sources they consume. The Internet is a Tower of Babel.

There is too much darkness on who funds what in our political system in general and it's only gotten worse since the Citizens United Ruling. We need some real transparency and accountability when it comes to who is influencing our government representatives and elections.

I believe the FEC has vital role to play in insuring that "we the people" have the tools we need to make well informed decisions without shadow interference from the inside US and Abroad. When people are angry and confused they do not make good decisions.

Please consider expanding the criteria, now or later to included disclosures for all paid political advertising across all platforms.

Thank You for your consideration.

Diane Peers

Online advertising is particularly likely to blend in with content, particularly on social media. Much of the persuasiveness of social media advertising derives from taking advantage of people's friendship networks and deluding recipients into thinking the sentiments expressed are coming from people in their social circle rather than campaigns. It is vital that voters have the opportunity to see what is paid advertising, and ideally to know who paid for the advertising.

Susan Hofstader

The FEC needs to keep the American public informed about who is trying to influence our votes. Their job is to ensure safe and fair elections, especially by protecting us from foreign and domestic propaganda efforts. You must take action now to ensure the safety of our democracy!

Andrew Anderson

I am writing to tell the FEC that it should update their transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Rules that we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. We have a right to know who is trying to influence our votes and our views. Full transparency now!!

Carolyn Sweeney

On the internet no one knows if you are a dog...or a scammer, or a foreign agent or just an ordinary mischief maker. Requiring identification of message source should cut down..or better.. eliminate such messages as well as providing an avenue to address them directly and establish responsibility. It is common sense to do so. certainly no letter to the editor is published without identification of its source, why should the internet be different?

Dr. edith neimark

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Mrs. Betty White

Please regulate ALL forms of advertising for or against any political candidate, be it traditional printed hardcopy, radio, television, outdoor signage, electronic communication or any other form of communication. We voters must know who is making a political statement so that we can better evaluate its veracity.

At no time should a foreign government or its citizens be allowed to impact our elections. To do so is a form of warfare against our democracy.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint!

Marcia Daoust

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

We, Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

Ms. Diana Madoshi

To protect our elections, the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

Internet campaign ads must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. Dark money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections.

Elisabeth Sobota

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Mr. Greg Jameson

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Julie MacNary

Citizen's United has been a wrecking ball steadily tearing down the fortress of our democracy. What responsible patriot could argue that it is wise and fair policy to replace "We the people" with "We the moneyed"? Add to that inequality anonymity and surely democracy will die in the darkness.

It is incumbent on the Federal Election Commission to stand for openness and transparency in all matters and media. Rules and enforcement must be updated and rigorous if we are to have a prayer of keeping our elections meaningful and representative. Do the right thing for the sake of all of us.

Dr. William McClintic

We cannot solely rely on private corporations like Facebook to protect consumers from bad actors. The FEC should require for online ads to disclose who is paying for them so that Americans can make informed decisions. Online ad disclosure would increase transparency from super PACs and wealthy donors and make it harder for foreign actors to meddle in our elections.

Ms. Kathy Distefano

There is no activity that is more crucial to a democracy than free and fair elections. Yet we know that individuals and groups - both foreign and domestic - will attempt to exploit any advantage to influence elections for the candidate of his/their choice (or against his/their opponent).

In the past, the FEC has done a good job of regulating election communications. But those regulations, notably of TV, radio, and print ads, have become obsolete. Internet communications now far surpass TV, radio, and print ads as a means of communicating with the public. Polls have shown that a majority of Americans now obtain their news from the internet. Therefore, the FEC MUST update its regulations to internet communications if it is to have any chance at ensuring fair elections.

Individual voters need to know who is trying to influence our views, and our votes. Knowing that information is being provided by a Republican or Democratic group (and not a non-partisan reporter) provides background and context for the reader. Even more important is knowing whether the information is coming from overseas -- from Israelis or Arabs, from Russia or China, or some other foreign source(s). This information is crucial for a voter to decide the reliability and accuracy of the of the report, and how credible the information is.

Perhaps even more important is the traceability of internet communications:

- It is important to be able to track the origins of internet communications so that mistaken (or false) claims can be tracked down to their source.
- Even more important is the ability of the government to determine, in real time, whether a person or group (domestic or foreign) is illegally attempting to manipulate an election, so that the integrity of the election is not compromised.

In light of the above, I strongly urge the Federal Election Commission to enact and enforce regulations that provide meaningful transparency in our elections.

Thank you.

Mr. Robert Karpinski

Dear Sirs:

I endorse the following:

**The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

**Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

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**Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Want my voice heard.

Thank you.

Diane Drew
Bronx NY 10471

Ms. Diane Drew

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

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. We want to know who the real people and organizations are.

Thank you for taking prompt, decisive action.

Gail Cheda

Gail Cheda

Please do all that you possibly can to show the truth. Our elections are under attack. To make sure our elections are unfettered and fair, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should be a clearly marked link to the full information. Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Mr. Carl Tyndall

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Mr. J Roomes

In this age of desirable transparency it seems not just sensible but mandatory that all citizens have access to the sponsors and backers of all political advertisements. Please insure that we have the right to know and enforce legislation which quarantees that transparency.

Mr. David McCullough

Please enact the proposed regulation requiring disclosure of parties who pay for internet campaign ads.

Dr. Margaret Anderson

I strongly support this measure. It is the least we could do, especially as the internet supplants television and radio as citizens' main source of news.

Heather Evans

I believe the public has the right to know who is doing political ads at all times.

c.d. hartley

Internet advertising needs to be brought under the same scrutiny as other advertising, as this is how more and more people are being informed.

Stanley Ray

I wholeheartedly support requiring online campaign advertisements to identify the parties who pay for the ads. Alternative A sounds more comprehensive, and thus it sounds better than Alternative B. It is clear that stealth political ads are a menace to our Democracy!

Sharon Eige

Hello

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

This is simple and necessary. Make it so.

Cheers,
Tom

Mr. Thomas Hartwell

Dear Commissioners:

One of the best things about political campaign ads on TV (and there aren't many good things about them) is the disclosure at the end that tells us who paid for the ad. Sometimes the name of the sponsor is misleading, but at least it's a start.

But now I see just as many campaign ads online as I do on TV, and the disclosure should be the same. If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Thank you,
Ethan Perry

Ethan Perry

Please ensure that political advertisers, and others paying for space to make political claims, are fully disclosed in a way that is fully-apparent from a casual glance--with a link to more information if the advertisement does not fully disclose who the advertisers are in a way that discloses any interest they might have in the outcome. In legal cases striking down campaign giving limits, the Supreme Court decided that limits were unneeded if the citizenry had full information about the source of a communication. Give us the opportunity to test that thesis.

Mr. Fletcher R. Catron

Just as I want to know where my food comes from, I want and need to know where things that influence my mind come from.

Rosemary Bay

To make sure that voters are well-informed, all online political ads should have a full disclaimer that lists who paid for them.

If this is not possible because of the ad's size or format, then there should a clearly marked link to the full information.

Copies of all paid internet political messages should be made available to the public.

Democracy depends on a well-informed citizenry. Most would agree that information is the basis of good decision-making. Transparency about who pays for ads supports having an informed citizenry. Secrecy about who pays for ads goes against basic democratic principles. Whose interests does that support?

Ms. Jenny Blumenstein

We have the right to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads also.

Cheryl Fontaine

Please adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mr. Adam Pastula

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mrs. Angel Wisenburg

Dear FEC Commissioner:

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Kindly ensure our elections are protected.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Catherine

Mr. John Catherine

We must protect our elections and election process. It must be fair and free of external influences for the good of all and for the safety of elected officials and their families who could be held hostage by foreign interests.

Ronald Villarreal

Free and transparent elections are crucial to democracy.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your time.

Dr. Eleanor Weisman

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Jerome Frazer

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Please pass the proposed rule that would clarify how many of the same disclosure rules as TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads, not a watered down version.

Ms. Madeleine Straubel

?We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
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?The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

BAN all gerrymandering. Disclose who is trying to influence the vote.
Re-instate in full the "Voting Rights Act" and stop trying to exclude everyone except white males.

Bevely Foster

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting ?Alternative A,? which would apply the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mr. Joe Pfister

We need transparency in our democracy. We know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. You should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Matthew Cleveland

As voters and citizens, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Lack of transparency behind internet ads and other types of influence is not just a matter of dirty and unfair political tactics. It is a real threat to our democracy.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. I urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jamie Zazow

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Ms. Maria Gonzalez

Please update the FEC's disclosure rules. Voters deserve to know who is trying to influence their views and votes. The past election for President proves that foreign powers want to interfere with our elections.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Ms. Janet Dix

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Robert Gore

The public should be able to know who's paying for the ads we see.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A? for online ads -- applying the same disclosure rules we already have for TV, radio, and print ads.

Ms. Gail Fleischaker

I/We all deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC needs to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we

The FEC represents me, doesn't it? I ask that the FEC act like it really does represent the citizens of the US

Dr. Anne Adams

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the FEC:

In the matter of transparency of information in political advertising, I strongly urge you to accept the provisions of "Alternative A" which calls for the fullest disclosure of the source of political advertising. I strongly dislike seeing political advertisements with no clear idea of who is sponsoring the message. This practice is deceptive and must stop. Thank you.

Dr. Mario D. Mazzearella

Dr. Mario Mazzearella

I am writing to urge the FEC to adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This is critical because citizens need and deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Ms. Maureen Sheahan

As an informed citizen i need to know who is trying to influence my vote. Consequently, the FEC needs to update its tranparency rules to keep abreast of new technology. it should adopt alternative A, to apply the very same disclosure rules already in place for TV, radio, and print ads to on-line ads.

We need to know.

Ms. Cecile pineda

To: US FCC

Dear Person(s);

To preserve our democratic values to the highest extent possible I do sincerely request that the FCC establish regulations and oversight of elections that provide we the people with clear and transparent information on people running for office along with information on people financing campaigns. Public matters demand public clarity on who is behind an election campaign. The current presence of "dark money" in campaigns obscures the free and fair nature of our democracy.

Transparency is critical to maintain one person one vote. Privacy in donations should not be used as a shield. Elections are not a private matter - ones vote is private but not the results and money in elections is out of proportion to one person one vote. Something needs to be done to make elections as fair and just as possible. We have plenty of technology to simplify this effort. We also need disclosure rules for media on line as we are doing with TV, radio and print ads.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kuffler

Ms. Suzanne Kuffler

As a citizen we need transparency in online political messaging.

Mr. Doug Dunkle

I demand transparency in online ads.

Dr. Jaice Cooperrider

It is critical , in light of the Russian interference attempts in our last election, and the influence of the NRA in politics and the newest information that has come to light regarding Saudi Arabia, that all our citizens know who are sponsoring advertising and comments that we see every day in all our media, that we know the source of all media information.

Mrs. Emma Houseman

I want transparency. I want Alternative A.

Mrs. Hazel Poolos

We need FULL transparency in every election! Stop anonymous Dark money from buying would-be officeholders and incumbents.

Susan Weiss

Because of the outrageous infiltration of the Russians in the 2016 election, it is essential that those who are behind online ads are transparent to the viewer, just as TV and radio ads are transparent. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules and adopt "alternative A" to promote full disclosure of those who are sponsoring the ads online.

Dr. Thomas Froehlich

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Paul Feeney

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. John Curran

In a free society, the only way to protect that freedom is to ensure that we the citizens are being provided with as much information, honest and transparent, as is our right.

Please ensure that this continues. It is necessary for an informed populace.

Thank you,

Ken Rosen

Mr. Ken Rosen

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Mr. Mark Porter

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Mr. Dan Jensen

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our vote.

The FEC should update its transparency rule to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternate A" which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio and print ads to online ads, too.

Kyra Mikala

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Rebecca McDonough

Dear sirs;

Please update your disclosure rules to include online ads. I just want to know who is trying to influence my opinions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Christine Alcaraz

christine alcaraz

Dear Congressman DeSantis,

I know you have not voted against party line and you probably will not on this oh so important vote either. I certainly wish you would vote for your constituents and not big media corporations. The internet is for the people to gain access to knowledge, employment, and to communicate with the world. The media corporations already make way too much money.

I am asking you to stand up for your constituents. Please vote to keep the internet open, both to overturn the ruling that was set in place.

Ms. Mary Katherine Smith

I support election donation transparency. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology, such as ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print & online ads.

Mr. james talbot

In a representative democracy We the People need and deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A" which would also apply the disclosure rules for television, radio and print ads to online ads.

Mr. Gary Brooks

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC's transparency rules are out of step with today's technology, and must be updated. Additionally, the FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Ms. Caryn Cowin

For a democracy to function, who funds an election must be public information. When I donate to a candidate, I proudly use my name. The FEC must require transparency on all election information, including through the internet and other forms of technology. It only makes sense that the same disclosure rules that apply for TV, radio, and print must also apply to any election and campaign information posted or submitted online. Thank you for protecting our democratic processes. Without election disclosure, the United States cannot be considered a true democracy.

Dr. Kayann Short

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Daniel Goldberg

An open public process is all-important if our democracy is not to descend into oligarchy. Opinion must not masquerade as fact, and the sources of comments and information must be known. Transparency is essential, and the FEC should update its transparency rules to comprehend present technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A" which applies the same transparency rules to online ads that apply to TV and radio.

Dr. Paul Roberts

I understand that President Trump is only interested in his own business and likes to support businesses who contribute to his business successes. However, to destroy the non-partisan role of the US Government is scandalous! Free internet, not just for the paying people of the US! The tax give away that leads to unnecessary budget deficits as an excuse to throw the most vulnerable of citizens under the bus is a scandal! Don't give up your ethical and non-partisan aspect of your work as a civil servant in a civil society. We are not living for the oligarchs as in Russia or Venezuela)or any other country where big companies get the money! Are you looking to be hired by those Comcasts and the Verizons of the world after you have delivered! You swore an oath to uphold the constitution, not to sell your Government's assets!

Dan van Kammen

All citizens should have the right to vote and have their vote count. Big money people are no better than the little guy. They can afford to get what they want without the support of the government where the average person is at the mercy of those who control things - those that can buy that control. there needs to be more transparency we need to know who is providing the info in all advertising in all media.

Mrs. Alice Marquardt

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Thank you.

Ms. Lisa Christiansen

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2. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
3. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Jack David Marcus

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Mr. Jarrod Baniqued

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. The future of our democracy and our country is at stake.

Mr. Luke Ouradnik

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

But right now, some are proposing that these "paid for by" disclaimer rules be weakened for online ads. We have a chance to fight back as federal regulators consider updating their disclosure rules. We need your voice to help them pick the strongest proposal on the table.

Ms. Barbara Fletcher

I do not want to be influenced by anyone or any group of people while I elect politicians to roles in which they are expected to represent me. The US needs to rid dark money from elections so we can clearly hear and see those running for offices. This needs to involve ALL media (tv, social media, print, etc.) used to deliver messages from those running for office. I want transparency in order to fully understand who I ?get? once I vote.

We are at a frighteningly out of control point in this country, where only a few with BIG money want to speak for and manipulate ?the masses?. Part of that mass is ME and I want my voice heard! Out with DARK MONEY!

Sincerely, Susan Mach

Ms. Susan Mach

It is essential to know who(se money) is trying to influence our elections!
Especially in this (hopefully temporary) era of unlimited funding, we need to know the names, and then the goals, of those who use their money to out-shout the public's best interest!

Mr. Marc PoKempner

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Howard J Whitaker

?We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, and they deserve no cloak of secrecy or ambiguity.

?The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

?The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

?The FEC ought to crack down on violations of campaign contribution laws, regulations, and principles of equity.

Dr. William Sharfman

To me this is a no brainer. Current regulations require disclaimers on TV and Radio ads. Why would it not be the same for ALL advertisements. The medium should not matter. Anytime an ad attempts to sway public opinion it should be VERY CLEAR who sponsoring the ad so the observer understands the context of the message. More the point, It should be considered irresponsible (with liability) if an ad is produced and is determined detrimental to the public and/or (in the more recent cases) our governing/electoral system. People cannot make educated decisions if the educational material is unavailable.

American citizens deserve a transparent ruling body; we deserve to know who is attempting to influence us; we deserve regulations that hold responsible those who may lie or cheat us for our time, money, or vote.

With respect.

Chris

Mr. Chris Caron

FEC needs to ensure the public transparency of all people working to influence the public opinion and vote. It is incredibly deceitful to not know who is paying for ads and influencing the news. I would even include such paid influence for public media which never reveals the money sources for the programming. We have been given information on stations such as FOX news written by the military or other government agencies. We get manipulation via story lines in programs on drug promotion. And given the difficulty if not impossibility of reaching media decision-makers there is no way to express criticism for misinformation, biases and direct propaganda pumped at us 24/7.

FEC needs to update its rules to include all media. I especially want to point out that censorship of information is not acceptable. This seems to be the direction that corporations and government are moving toward and this is even more reprehensible than the lack of transparency. However, the public, me, wants to know who is influencing the media and our politics. I want to know the source of funds used to buy ads and programming. I need to be able to assess the value of information presented.

Your power is to protect my interests as I define them. Transparency is at the top of my list.

Ms. tanya marquette

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Please adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" Wobus

Please allow transparency into our government. We need to know who is influencing our elections. Messages from anonymous people or organizations do not promote Democracy. Please update the same regulations for digital messages to match ones for tv and print regulations. Help us preserve our Democracy. Thank you.

Diane Bauer

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mr. Patrick Quiroz

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, the bipartisan outrage at Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy makes taking action a necessity.

The FEC has proposed two rules and we should adopt the rule that would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads. We deserve to know how Russian oligarchs or big corporations are spending money online to influence our votes, in as close to real-time as possible.

New rules by the FEC wouldn't solve every problem and new rules are no substitute for action by Congress, like passing the Honest Ads Act to require full transparency for online ads. But updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know.

Mr. Donald Harland

Thank you for your time to read my comments.

I would like to express my support for regulations providing further transparency, including the following:

- 1) We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
- 2) The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
- 3) The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, as well.

Thank you much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

-- Charles Seiter

Mr. Charles Seiter

Since the internet is now effectively a mass medium, tThe FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, as well.

Mr. Stewart Wilber

Dear FEC:

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Our democracy depends on us knowing who is trying to influence our views, our votes, our elections!

Janice Goldstein

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Mrs. Michele Biggane

We know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Chris Casper

In the interest of a free, open, and transparent society, I believe citizens deserve to know who is paying to influence our views and, by extension, our votes.

In light of ever-changing technology, I believe that the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep pace with such changes.

Regarding disclosure rules currently in place for television, radio, and print advertising, I believe that the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would extend current disclosure rules to include online ads as well.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Ms. Marcia Miller

Democracy depends on transparency and an informed electorate. It is not too great a burden on those who wish to support political candidates or issues to require that they fully identify themselves.

Democracy requires the courage to stand up and be counted. It may not always be convenient to commit publicly, but it is necessary for the good of our society.

Ms. Sherry Halbrook

The FEC rules for political ads need to be consistent for all communications to the public. On line ads should be held to the same standards as all others, such as television. The public deserves to know who pays for these ads that are designed to influence our vote and opinions. We need transparency in politics to safeguard our democracy.

Helen Beale

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Mark Messing

Americans have a right to know the source of propaganda used to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Many voters didn't have that vital information during the 2016 presidential election. Today, we know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

Do it for our democracy.

Mrs. Catherine Dishion

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We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Thank you

Martin Springer

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Mr. Dustin Sotnyk

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Thank you for your time.

Ms. Trisha Jachlewski

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Dr. Lucas Klein

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Ms. Dawn Albanese

Elections are the very core of a Democracy. The surest way to undermine a Democracy is to attack its election system.

This is a stupid and dangerous move. By cheating the system the attacker places the opposition in peril. Unfortunately if that succeeds the system is compromised so that any party can cheat. The result is Anarchy.

It is imperative that we vigorously protect the integrity of the elections system.

It is imperative that the identity of those parties who are trying to influence the voters be transparent. The FEC transparency rules must continually remain abreast of the newest technologies. The rules that apply to print, and broadcast media should also apply to the internet.

Mr. Bill Kingston

I do not know HOW this law was passed, but the FEC simply MUST know how egregious this mistake was. This is the birth of Dark Money, and it has reared its ugly head. This is not representative of the people. This is representative of The Money. We as a country did away with this ludicrous idea when more than just landowners had the right to vote. Please see the errors in democracy as it is and GET RID OF IT. Our American life is NOT ?whoever has the most money wins?.

Christine Stone

The voters do not want to ever be scammed again. You can greatly reduce that from happening by requiring all ads to have the supplier to be clearly identified. If any person or organization is not willing to identify themselves, they should not be allowed ad space on the internet.

Thank you for making our voting process safer and fairer.

Mr. Patrick Kroll

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Mr. Reed Oliver

For many years now, on-line advertising has been expanding its reach into the lives of citizens. The internet is now the primary method of communication and purchasing for many people. The FEC should apply the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads. In fact, these disclosures are all the more important in on-line materials due to the frequency of advertisements designed to appear as though they are scholarly articles or news. With many news sources eliminating printed publications and offering only on-line access, it is essential that paid advertising content be distinguished from factual news or editorial statements. Americans want and deserve to know who is trying to influence our views, votes, purchases, and choices. At minimum, Alternative A requirements should be adopted. I actually favor even more stringent rules for on-line political advertising (perhaps the requirement for disclosed to be made via audio AND video AND print).

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Mrs. Marta Wood

The ISPs did not invent the internet. The military of the United States of America did.

The ISPs did not pay for the development of the internet. The American taxpayer did.

The ISPs do not own the internet. A FREE AND OPEN INTERNET belongs to the People.

ISPs merely provide a connection point, and should not be allowed to censor the communications of the People of the United States of America by choking off content that opposes their billionaire agenda.

This is America, not some propaganda filled, tin-pot dictator, banana republic as envisioned by the Trump traitors who trample our free and open elections in a conspiracy with Russian and Saudi adversaries of Democracy.

Sincerely,
Mike

Mr. Mike Kelly

The sponsors of all election-related advertisements should be clearly disclosed in the advertisements regardless of the medium being used. That's why I'm writing to support option "A" as the preferred option. Thank you.

Mr. Steve Netti

If your technology is not current, you make vulnerable to enemy states,
and individuals.

Mr. Michael Halloran

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. We need to put a stop to "fake news" influencing our elections. We need to be aware where information is coming from & who is paying for it if we are to make important decisions which will affect our lives & the lives of others. Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Peter Leighton

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Mr. James Sassman

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Mr. craig clark

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Mr. Dean Borgeson

Technology is moving at a pace it is difficult for me to keep up with. I hope the FEC is smarter than I am and is doing a better job than I, when enforcing transparency regulations on these new technologies. I really want to know who is trying to influence me and I think the rules ought to be the same across media types, whether they are on the radio, in the newspapers or online. Alternative A, seems like a good idea to me. I seek information on who is trying to influence me and just because they have lots of money, that should not be a shield to keep their identity hidden from me.

Respectfully,
Charlie Jameson

Mr. Charles Jameson

People,

I firmly believe ALL material on the Web should be traceable to the money or author source.

Thank you,

Daniel Johnson-O'Mara

Mr. Daniel Johnson-O'Mara

The internet is the greatest communication tool humans have ever invented. It has many flaws, but its open and free character makes it a tool for freedom. If we allow internet providers to decide what to prioritize based on monetary, political, or any other basis it will lead to the downfall of this unique human invention. If we want to continue to have a free society we must have a free and open internet.

Mr. Robert Charland

The American people (We the People) deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology, advertising media, and messaging. As such, I strongly urge the FEC to adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Herman Rodrigo

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?The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Wayne Stalsworth

The internet needs to remain accessible to all - not the wealthiest & not for the profits of big corporations.

Ms. Nicole Eisenschenk

Transparency is essential!

Dr. Fredrick Seil

Citizens have a right to know who is paying for ads to influence our views. Transparency protects our Democracy. You should update rules to keep up with new technology

Ms. Christina Pennoyer

In order to make an informed decision when voting, I evaluate a choice partly based on who supports and opposes it. Why would I not want to know who supports a candidate or proposal to change a law? In my opinion, people should have maximum information when it comes to political advertising.

Mary Zuzel

Please adopt ?Alternative A? to subject online ads to the same disclosure rules that apply to other media. It has become clear that we need transparency rules for modern communication methods that enable us to identify those who seek to influence our views (and votes)!

Mr. Jay McCahill

Save net neutrality! Keep this a civil society for all people, not only for rich people. We need to guarantee that everyone has equal access to information and opportunity.

Please contact me if you have any further questions

Thank you.

Ms. Louise Stanton

I believe that the FEC should adopt Alternative A when it amends its regulations on Internet Communication Disclaimers. This country badly needs maximum transparency in political spending. The information about Russia (and maybe other foreign countries) using back allies to funnel money into our elections is very disturbing, making it more important than ever that the FEC take the strongest possible stance when updating their disclosure rules.

Geraldine Booth

I urge the FEC to require all social media companies, including Facebook, Twitter, Google/Youtube, Pinterest and others to require full disclosure of individual/individuals funding political ads.

Foreign nationals, foreign countries, foreign agencies and domestic or international LLCs should be banned from making political ads for or against any candidate or issue in U.S. elections.

The following firms should be banned from making any political ads because of prior abuse--use of stolen data and fake identities, conspiracy with hostile foreign intelligence services: Strategic Communications Laboratories (SLC Group); The Donald Trump Campaign; Gatestone Institute; Wikistrat; Black Cube; Psy Group; Friends of IDF; WhiteKnight and WikiLeaks.

Mr. Joseph Weinzettle

I am writing to voice my support for full and complete transparency in our democracy.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

I urge the FEC to strengthen our democracy in this manner.

Thank you.

Fred Licht

Mr. Fred Licht

An honest government requires openness and disclosure and the rules essential for that process must shift forward with the evolving development of technology. It is imperative that our nation institute steady, dependable safeguards against interference and corruption.

Ms. Gracie Campbell

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jill Shewmaker

It is past time for the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print to online ads, too. Much fuss has been raised about foreign influence in our elections, and while this abuse of the system merits concern, undue influence from people, groups, and businesses within our own country merits even deeper concern. Inasmuch as corporations cannot be deprived of their freedom and livelihood by the courts, as can individuals, the longstanding tradition of considering corporations as having the same rights as individuals must end! The first time a corporate board is sentenced to life imprisonment for wrongful death after their decision causes some sort of personal or public catastrophe, I will consider changing my opinion.

Full transparency regarding sponsorship of all ads -- print, radio, TV, satellite radio, and Internet -- is a major first step in returning our government to the status of being "of, by, and for the people"! Full transparency is essential in order that we can limit campaign contributions so as to end both foreign and oligarchical control of our government.

Dr. Richard Honeycutt

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Kate Sherwood

There are a lot of informational sources available to voters in the US today. In many ways, this is totally awesome?but it's also critical that voters know how to evaluate these sources, and central to that evaluation is knowing more about who is funding those sources, and how they may be trying to influence our views.

As the primary agency charged with protecting US elections, the FEC needs to keep its transparency rules up to speed with new technology. ?Alternative A?, which would apply the existing disclosure regulations for TV, radio, and print ads to online efforts. Voters need and deserve to know who is paying for the adds that follow them around Facebook, as clearly as they know who's paying for similar ads on TV.

Mr. Cosmo Catalano

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Jared Howe

As a citizen of the United States I deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

It's time for the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology which is the major source of communication on these issues of public interest.

I ask the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Sincerely,

Martha Krikava

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Hidden agendas reflect those that hide them do not want to be revealed. This indicates a type of superior thinking that smacks of a person who wants to lord over those that he hopes will buy his message. In effect this is a type of slavery or dictatorship that is not always evident.

Please update the rules that reflect current situations and concerns. Many things have changed drastically since the last update and need to be included.

Thank you!!!

Mr. Cecil Wilkerson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Morgan Lazenby

FEC rules on transparency in political advertising need to be revised to reflect the important influence that the Internet and mobile devices have on our everyday lives, on the corrosive, corrupting influence of wealthy and undisclosed donors in our election campaigns, and on the near-certainty that Russian interference played a critical and nefarious role in the outcome of the 2016 elections - and that their government continues to influence the worldview of American citizens:

-- Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

-- The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

-- The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Oleh Sydor

Give yourselves another opportunity to be overruled by the Congress, vote to loosen the Disclaimers. Keep up the trend OR actually learn from the experience. If you weren't in bed with industry, you might have actually voted in an intelligent manner - but then again, your part of a Republican administration.

Mr. Russell Ty

Dear FEC,

The omission of Internet-based advertising from our Federal election laws is simply a sign of the changing of the times. All Internet, cell phone, telephone and other electronic advertising must be subject to the same scrutiny as television, radio and print ads are. That is just common sense. Voters need to know WHO is responsible for pushing out a message. Voters should be informed about how many dollars any particular group is spending on any particular candidate too.

Please make this change!

Best,

Deane Williams

Mr. Deane Williams

As a natural born citizen of the United States I have spent the majority of my life keeping myself educated on the current events applicable to our democracy and my responsibilities as a citizen. For the 1st time in 68 years I believe it is necessary for me to express my deep concerns that the FEC update the technology necessary to keep citizens informed through thorough transparency about who is trying to influence our votes and their alliances that may be distorting the truth. Technology and the internet is influencing through hoax, untruths, half truths and other tricks to obfuscate underlying agendas.

It is imperative that the FEC not allow itself to become an antiquated useless entity by not adopting new rules to apply in the same way television and radio have been policed to guarantee credibility through that transparency and disclosure.

Forsaking this responsibility will make the FEC a dinosaur of a past and no longer existent democracy!

Ms. Della Hamlin

Elections are the backbone of a democratic country. We must have complete transparency in order to have free and fair elections. If other countries or foreign persons are allowed to influence our electoral process for their benefit we begin to erode the foundation of what makes our democracy work for Americans.

Mr. Robert Charland

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Ron Katz

Please adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, and update your transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Thank you.

Mr. Jaen Lawrence

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jill Godmilow

I urge you to adopt Alternative A, to apply rules used for other media ads to online ads. Voters need to know who is posting information they see.

Ms. Anita Hueftle

I find it very unsettling that I have to write a letter that should not under any circumstances be required. The rights of the citizens of the USA are in jeopardy on a daily occurrence ever since Citizens United was deemed lawful by the Supreme Court. I find the turn of events tragic in that we have lost or are losing so many of the items that we have been guaranteed, or at least we thought were part of a free representative society we reside in. Please keep the lines of communication and transparency open for all of the residents who pay the taxes and not the corporations that buy the clout that gets the politicians in their back pockets. Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter you requested input on. Sincerely,
Alan Canfield

Mr. Alan Canfield

The American public needs to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Given the proliferation of all kinds of entities, including foreign powers, using the internet to sway opinion and emotion, it is more important than ever that we be able to judge the legitimacy of the content. Knowing who is paying for it is a critical piece of information. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Mr. David Wright

Every U.S. citizen has a right to know who is trying to influence elections.

FEC needs to update its transparency rules to modern technology.

FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the TV / radio / print disclosure rules to online ads, too.

Ned Flaherty

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Sivan Amar

I am writing to ask the FEC to express my opinion on making our elections fair and open, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Luis Lozano

With so much misinformation being distributed through a variety of sources, we, as US residents and citizens, have the right to the following:

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? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Kathleen Dannemiller

Nothing is more important to a Democracy than access to and from a free press. No way should any outlet be fettered especially now since one company owns a great chunk of the air waves as it is. How can someone really "own" an air wave anyway?

Ms. Rosie Bachand

I am all for transparency in our democracy.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mr. Michael LaGassey

Protect transparency in politics! All voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Christopher Reiger

Protect net neutrality. Quit making regulations that enrich corporations at the expense of the public. Support making WiFi free to everyone.

Mr. Stephen Hackney

I support a transparent democracy!

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Karen Conyngham

It is imperative that at the very least the laws on the books for controlling disclosures of campaign spending and donations be followed. The fiasco of the most recent revelations about how campaign finance accounts have been being abused by public figures shows just how toxic, and how much of an expectation of pay for play there is for policy to be made for the benefit of a moneyed few.

Do your jobs, please, and enforce the laws. This is America. The goal is for no one to be above the law.

At the moment that's very much not the practice. Please do your part to strive towards that idea.

Mr. Michael Taub

politicians should not be accepting ANY money. that's why we pay them.
we have a right to know who is buying our representation.

Ms. rebecca west

It is incumbent that the public and those overseeing public communications be made aware of the source of funding, the nature of the organization and ties if any to foreign Governments of any and all communications aimed at our political processes. This in no way will interfere with any US citizen's right to be heard. Anonymous and robotic sources of what is actually propaganda cannot be tolerated. Therefore it is necessary to enact laws and regulations to maintain the integrity of our democratic process.

Dr. Michael Harris

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Thank you.

Mrs. Christine Moretti

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

John Hansen

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A?. The American people deserve to know who is paying for the advertisements we see, so we can make well-informed choices at the voting booth. A well-informed public will lead to a better and stronger democracy. That is what we must strive for.

Mrs. Wendy Pfile

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Dr. Henry Schlinger

Transparency is necessary for democracy -- please defend our need for transparency by supporting Alternative A so that all media in our country follow rules to let us know, just as you ask at the beginning of this comment section, who and why someone has created an advertisement.

Thank you.

Ms. Louise Stanton

The internet cannot be allowed to come under corporate control. These same people who cry for a "free" market, also allow a "free" system, like the internet, to come under regulation. The problem is, the regulation is going the WRONG direction. They argue against regulation, but then they regulate it in favor of the rich, in favor of massive corporations. As a result, we continue to see people of lower means continue to be fleeced. We see business become, more and more, the realm of the giant corporations, more and more the realm of the rich and powerful. The odds continually get stacked against small business, against people of moderate income. Then the big corporations work for their bottom line, NOT for their employees. We continue to subsidize corporations while crying all the time about welfare.

Let there be no mistake about it. People calling to end regulation, are simply calling for a DIFFERENT form of regulation, a form of regulation that gives it all to the big corporations and to the rich.

We need to step in front of this, to promote regulation that benefits everyone, that protects us from the influence of the rich, of corporations, of oligarchs. We cannot have a democracy when the voter is pulled in dishonest directions through spending vast amounts of capital. We need the RIGHT kinds of regulations, not the wrong ones, or we will always have a government that represents the rich, that represents lobbyists. We need a government that represents the majority!

Jesse Watson

Online advertising has a large reach compared with traditional mass media. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too

Dr. Stephen Rosenblum

Maximum transparency please.

Mr. John Bookston

For democracy to flourish, the more transparency the better. I support alternative A to put internet ads on a par with other media.

Dr. Carol Baume

In the interests of an open democratic process, I'm writing to ask you to support transparency in political advertising. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Please adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Mr. Ivan Rhudick

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. This is just as true for online ads as it is for TV, radio, and print advertising where the law requires anyone who buys a campaign ad to reveal their identity.

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Our democracy is too precious to hand it over to foreign powers who wish us harm.

Ms. Amy Henry

Without knowing the source of politically-based advertising, it is impossible to determine the legitimacy and the intent of the information. This is the basis for the regulations currently in place for advertising via television, radio and print. I strongly recommend that the same level of safeguard should be applied to the Internet and that therefore the FEC should adopt "Alternative A" as quickly as possible.

Mr. David Rissenberg

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Ms. Connie Allison

Transparency of government deliberations is a bedrock of a democracy. This must especially apply to the FEC whose deliberations have such powerful sway on our understanding of our world.

Thomas M. Vernon, MD

Dr. Thomas Vernon

It is time for the FEC to modernize in order to protect voters, especially in light of what has already been revealed about Russian interference in the last election.

To this end, the FEC should definitely update its transparency rules to deal with the new technologies that can - and have - create totally misleading "environments" for voters. Thus, "Alternative A" should be adopted: apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Dr. Steven Gould

Democracy is a precious thing and the information I get from the media is important to maintain freedom of choice and protecting truthful information delivered to me and everyone else.

I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my vote.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Georgia Shankel

Keep out the opportunity for the sale of influence and votes.

Mr. Kurt Nichols

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Eric Cruze

Internet advertisers must be required to specify their names, location and purpose. American democracy is under siege from anonymous ads sponsored by foreign actors who have no place in our elections.

Ms. Allison Walsh

we need to know who is advertising to influence our vote!

Dr. Don Hnatowich

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Sandra Rohde

Transparency is very important to We The People. I do not like being kept in the dark. Knowledge is power. Engagement in the political process is power. Knowledge and engagement makes a democracy stronger.

Sirina Sucklal

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our decisions and our votes.

Mrs. Nancy Cuesta

I would like to know who is trying to influence my vote and the election.
Please update your rules

Dr. Sheila Schmeling

Hello:

A few thoughts and words:

1) Perhaps the FEC needs to update your transparency rules in an attempt to stay current, at least, with the newer technology.

2) Perhaps the FEC should adopt the same disclosure rules that are i use for radio, TV, and print ads.

Most importantly, from my point of view is a desire by me in attempting to see who is trying to influence my point-of-views and possibly my votes.

4) Or just take out all this "dark" \$\$\$\$ and federally fund with appropriate limits how much can be spent on a particular race or issue.

Thank you.

David Dubuc

Mr. David Dubuc

Transparency in our governance is a necessity for honest and democratic processes.

As there are rules mandating that radio and TV advertisers disclose their source of payment for political adds it makes sense to extend those rules to the internet and social media.

This is just an update to recognize changes in how we communicate with each other. As technology changes we must make the necessary shifts in policy to maintain an ethical framework.

David Greenfield

Dr. David Greenfield

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Ben Broad

We, the people of the United States, deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology and should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Peter Burval

The FEC needs to update its transparency to keep up with the new technology. We have a right to know who is paying to influence our news and our votes.

Anne Matthews

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Ms. Kristin Arioli

To Whom It May Concern:

If this country is to avoid becoming even more of an oligarchy, to the destruction of democracy, we must clean up the election process. On your end, we could start by using the most modern technology to ensure transparency. Americans should know who is influencing our votes, as a certain recent scandal proves. At the very least, each attempt should have the same attributions we see on TV, etc.

Sincerely,

C. Alexander Cohen

Mr. C. Alexander Cohen

As a former precinct captain I am very concerned about the lack of accountability in the voting process. I witnessed many irregularities before and during the voting process. I was even more shocked to see what happened to our ballots after the polls closed! We need a verifiable system with a paper trail to ensure that all ballots are counted. This is not rocket science! This is your job. The American people don't need more excuses. Just do it!

Ms. Sandina Robbins

How about working for the people that pay your wages (!!!)?

Mr. david olson

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Our Democracy is being sold out from under us by this dark money that is allowed currently. STOP IT!!

Thank you for reading my comment.

Sincerely,
Bob Thomas

Mr. Bob Thomas

I believe that it is of the utmost importance to all of us Americans to know who is trying to influence how we view issues and candidates. I am responsible for what I say to others and those groups who purchase time on our television stations should also be held accountable. New technology requires updating rules to include all forms of social media and all ways of delivering shows to homes and computers!

Ms. Linda Evinger

The main issue is transparency. The more instilled in your rules and regulations the greater the public's ability to determine who is trying to influence our view and votes and the ways in which they are doing so.

Your rules and regulations regarding transparency should also be kept up to date with our technological advances. Yours are seriously behind.

TV, radio and print ads on line all have rules your organization has instilled. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," that would apply the same rules.

Ms. carole dupre

To the dedicated people of the FEC:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments on behalf of transparency. I write to ask that you protect voters' right to know by updating disclosure rules for online ads to keep up with new technology.

Because our democracy relies on a well-informed public, I ask that you pick the strongest proposal on the table: Alternative A, to apply disclosure rules to online ads, too.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and votes. Thanks again for considering my thoughts and acting accordingly.

Ms. Mary Stanton

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Mr. Ian Wade

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Ms. Susan Black

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Norma Kline

It is apparent based on intelligence reports that there was interference in US election from Russia.

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Mr. Wayne Renardson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. We cannot afford another election where the results are called into question due to Foreign Influence.

Mr. John Silk

adopt ?Alternative A to save our democracy!

Dr. Mindy Blaski

When an advertiser buys campaign ads for TV, radio and print the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it. The same rules should apply to online ads.

The public needs to know the source of information in order to evaluate its credibility. A well-informed public is in the best interests of the whole society.

Please adopt ?Alternative A? and update the FEC rules to require online ads to reveal their source.

We need to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Ms. Nikki Alexander

Our election system already distorts the influence of corporate interests and wealthy individuals by allowing limitless campaign contributions. Please do not add to this already untenable condition by increasing the influence of the wealthy and well connected interests.

Mr. John Campbell

We live in danger of having our democracy stolen from the people by foreign entities and corporations. We **MUST** have transparency in political ads. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Mike Hoban

Mr. Michael Hoban

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As citizens of this nation, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. It is up to the FEC to keep its transparency rules up to date in order to keep up with new technology. I urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Ms. Christine Sell

We have had extensive recent experience with fake messages from foreign sources trying to interfere with our elections, sow discord, etc. This makes it abundantly clear that internet communications need to be identified with their source, and these sources need to be traceable, that is, not fake addresses.

Dr. Norman Dowling

First, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Secondly, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Lastly, the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Ms. Meredith West

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Bonnie Dixon

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Mr. Al Gazzilli

I write, today, in support of transparency for our democracy. The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, but many voters didn't have that vital information during the 2016 presidential election. Today, we know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. "Paid for by" disclaimer rules should not be weakened for online ads.

Instead, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting "Alternative A," which would apply the current disclosure rules for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, as well.

Mr. Phillip Wood

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Amy Scala

It is time for the FEC to protect the rights of voters through rules that promote transparency:

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Dr. Monica Manning

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Mr. Phillip Hope

We need to protect our elections in this day of internet communication. We need the same protections for the internet that we have for print and broadcast. Thank you.

Mr. Thomas Ackerman

Hello,

Money plays a decisive role in who runs for office and who is elected to office.

As a citizen of the oldest living democracy, I expect transparency as to who is funding each candidate and to what amount. Updating the disclosure rules is an imperative and positive step forward for protecting the American citizen's right to know.

We need to strengthen laws that require donors to identify themselves in any advertisement supporting a candidate or political policy or opinion. These laws must apply across all forms of communication such as TV, Radio, news print or internet sites.

I support all laws and regulations that improve accuracy and transparency of donors to political causes and advertisements.

This includes the Honest Ads Act to require full transparency for online ads.

Regards,
M Bible

matthew Bible

We as a country are at a cross road. We are veering from the strongest democracy to a third rate plutocracy. Following points:

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

regards
DWT

Mr. David Tuthill

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Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson

I strongly urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A.? Online advertisements should be subject to the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads. The public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

GEORGIA MORGAN

We, the people of the United States, deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, whether it is a foreign entity or from Dark Money, whether internally (individuals and organizations) or externally (from foreign individuals or organizations).

The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology, and the FEC must also adopt an "Alternative A," which would apply to the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and ads, from print to online ads.

Ms. Lana May

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Because of the fact that our presidential election was unduly influenced by foreign actors, this should never be allowed to happen again. You have the power to protect our future elections from these bad actors. Please do everything in your power to correct this situation.

Ms. Audrey Ledesma

We MUST know who these donors are. The only ones who benefit from hiding this are Republicans. That's cheating and cowardly. They obviously have nothing to stand on, so they keep playing these games. When corporations pay our politicians to steal elections, that's fascism. Republicans are NOT conservative. They hide behind the word in hopes that their constituents are stupid. They're not, except some Republican voters. The rest of us can see through their shenanigans.

Mrs. Jacqueline Carter

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ela Pete

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with modern times to safeguard against corruption.

To that end, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A?: Which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads too.

It's long past time to safeguard our elections against bought in foreign influence and online data hacking. Please do the right thing: Say no to corruption and hacking America from foreign countries.

Mr. Bart Ryan

Technology continues to evolve ? and democracy demands that our laws and regulations keep up!

Our democracy **DEPENDS** on 100% transparency in campaign ads. Please adopt ?Alternative A? for online ads. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our votes and why.

Do not fear TRUTH!

Ms. Nancy Winter

It's important that our governing bodies and laws keep up with technology. Since political radio, TV, and print ads include a disclosure regarding who paid for the advertisement, online ads should as well. The public deserves to know what individual or group is attempting to influence our opinions on issues and candidates.

Ms. Michele Glick

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Ms. Brenda Michaels

Just as we deserve to know who pays for ads on the radio and television, we deserve to know who pays for internet ads. Government regulations must keep up with the times. Internet communication is taking over!

Dr. Emily Blank

Voters need to know who is paying for/behind the ads they see in order to be able to adequately assess their credibility. Select Option A.

Mr. David Berry

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Mr. Robert Leeds

Voters need to know who is providing information online about coming elections. Many online sources of information are unreliable or outright deceptive. If we know who is sending us this information, we can better judge whether it is factual or a distortion meant to serve the personal interests of the sender.

Please support Alternative A, which demands the same transparency for online ads as are demanded for radio and TV ads.

Mr. Alan McKnight

As a voter since 1952, I have always tried to determine the source of political ads (even those forwarded to me by friends), The advice to "follow the money" is a good one, but today's communication technologies coupled with "dark money" makes it increasingly difficult. Our democracy depends on well informed citizens. Disclosure of who pays or sponsors is vital to fair elections. Please make disclosures necessary.

Rita Klein

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Mr. Chris Moser

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Mr. Steven Hoelke

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Michael Seager

I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and votes.
Please help me know what is going on
Thanks

Ms. Isabelle Gorndt

We are writing to urge the FEC to the support of transparency in knowing who is trying to influence us as we make decisions for our democracy through our voting..

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too

Dr. Gerritt and Elizabeth Baker-Smith

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules in order to keep up with new technology.

And should adopt #Alternative A," to apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio and print ads to include the online ads.

It is our right to know who is trying to influence our views and votes.

Thank you.

Patricia Constantino

Countless individuals were influenced by foreign interests in recent elections. Many more were influenced by ads placed by big-money interests.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Albert Coffman

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Donald Tucker

The American people must have information on who is buying ads for the purposes of indoctrination and attempting to influence voters. You are undermining democracy by your inaction in updating technology that would accomplish this. Do your job, please.

Ms. Diane Stannard

I urge you to do all that you can to promote and increase transparency in our elections. We as Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Thank you for your time and attention in this vital matter.

Ms. Laura Brody

I urge you to adopt Alternative A so that the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads would also apply to online ads. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules in order to keep up with new technology. The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Thank you.

Elizabeth Parkhurst

? We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Be it a party or PAC or individual, we need to know who is sponsoring these views

? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. The internet provides too much anonymity for what may be nefarious agents. These sources must be revealed.

Ms. Mary Jane DelMastro

I am extremely concerned that it is clear there are individuals and other countries that are trying to influence our views and our votes.

It is the responsibility of the FEC to protect our democracy by assuring transparency rules are in place to keep up with all technology enabling others to unfairly influence voters and our way of life.

This has become very obvious that this practice has been and is still being used against our fair democracy. The FEC needs to stop this practice once and for all ... in all cases!

Ms. Leslie Diamond

We need to have real limits on campaign spending. Targeted issue spending is thinly veiled and shouldn't scoot under the banner. It's like porn, you know it when you see it.

Money from corporations, PACs and Super PACs have all degraded our body politic. Stop it. Ban it. If all that money went to schools and health care research we'd be so much better off, every one of us.

Protect our machines from electronic interference. Require paper ballots. Stop this discriminatory polling location arrangement in poorer neighborhoods. Enhance early voting by mail, with free postage by the way.

When kids turn 18, the draft board should notify boys, but there should be automatic voter registration. This should happen for girls too, both parts and I say this as the mom of a 19 year old son and 17 year old daughter.

Thank you,

Concerned taxpayer and voter (You already have my name)

Ms. Carin Barbanel

An informed democracy needs to know the names of people and organizations who are trying to influence votes. That transparency is essential to be able to make informed decisions. The best option currently available to move us toward that needed transparency is Alternative A. Please adopt that alternative to expand transparency rules to modern broadcast and online sources of media and advertising.

Thomas Cox

Please support Alternative A

Ms. Diane DiFante

Never before has it been more important to make decisions that support our democracy. We must insist that transparency is part of the process - especially given the level of misinformation and outright lies pervading our conversations ~ and influencing the way people vote. This is something that most Americans agree to.

Mrs. Kim Anderson

I am very upset that steps have not been taken to protect our votes. We as citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Please act as soon as possible.

Sandy Rhein

It is vitally important that the US do everything it can to maintain transparency in our elections, especially in light of the findings re: the 2016 elections and Russian meddling.

It is also in the best interests of a democracy for voters to know who is behind any given campaign, proposal or candidate.

To that end, I urge the FEC to update its own transparency rules in order to keep up with the new technological developments which are having such a profound effect on the electoral process; Specifically, I support the adoption of "Alternative A", which would cover radio, TV, print-media and online advertising for elections.

Thank you for your consideration.

-David Morris
Oakland, CA

Mr. David Morris

Dear sir or madam,

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Thank you,

Jay Allen

Mr. Jay Allen

I DEMAND TRANSPARENCY! We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, for God's sake!

Mrs. Alison Duncan

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. I want to know when Putin is trying to influence our elections.

Kerry Driscoll

Transparency is absolutely necessary for any type of information coming from the internet, news, and especially Washington!!! My parents have casted votes for candidates using information from the internet, such as Facebook and other social media outlets, that were false attack adds against their possible selection. So instead of voting their conscience, they chose to believe those adds!!! Common sense laws are what the American people want but the far left and far right have been way out of the mainstream for at least a decade! Come together for common sense actions! Thanks

Mr. Mick Swain

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Ms. Patricia Kenyon

It is important to get the scoop of who is saying what !
It is important to our democracy that citizens are not brainwashed on purpose and that we get who is behind the ads.
If we had this system in place (honesty of where ads come from) we would not have had the Russians right in the middle of the White House.
Honesty and transparency is the only way for a healthy system.
We have gone off the rails in this regard and especially with our elections where billionaires are running away with our system of government.

Mrs. Ann Stockdale

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology and should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Ms. Judith Stone

I am extremely concerned that we have no idea who is buying our members of the federal (particularly) and state elected officials. There needs to complete transparency so that the public knows who these candidates are beholding to. I refuse to believe that a candidate (or party) that receives \$30 million will not vote in the best interest of that doner and his/her friends. As it is right now we even have foreign nationals helping to elect candidates that are not necessarily looking out for the interest of all Americans and this really undermines our democracy!

Dr. Marilyn Lee

The commissioner is wrong, Wrong, WRONG on the decision to eliminate Net Neutrality. HE is from that world and has a vested interest in seeing that the slow lanes are created and fast lanes are for those who pay. Is this fair? NO! Is this how America works, JUST FOR THE CORPORATIONS??? NO, NO, NO! People MUST come before corporations and the people have spoken in the many submissions about this topic. It's OVERWHELMINGLY against doing away with net neutrality.'

DO WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY AND WANT MR. ADJIT, THAT IS YOUR JOB IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW IT!

Mr. Terrence Angellii

It's a fact now, that the Russians & possibly other countries have used internet communications to influence our elections.

Therefore, I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Dale Hillard

We must have transparency around our election process.

Ms. Lumina Greenway

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Mr. troy tackett

We the people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. I believe that, because of new technologies, the FEC should update its transparency rules, and over time, should monitor how future technological changes might be affecting those rules. Further, and most importantly, I believe we the people (and The FEC) should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Chris Hansen

To The FEC,

I firmly believe that we the people have the right to see who is paying for and placing advertisements on the internet. If Trump's Russian trolls are placing ads to disrupt and divide the American people it's the democratic duty of the FEC to implement rules requiring those people to identify themselves. Foreign Nationals should not be allowed to influence our elections.

Mr. Glenn Carden

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Owen Gustafson

Our democracy in order to flourish requires an informed citizenry. But, hearing 'information' is not sufficient. Citizens need to know the viewpoint of the giver of the information. This is best provided with clear, prominent and unmistakable ownership of the top money providers providing the information.

Please provide strong rules requiring the top money providers of the information is clearly provided within the information itself.

Mr. Joel Levine

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The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

"I request an opportunity to testify at the June 27th hearing. "

Mr. Rick Rod

Whereas all democracies depend on an educated and informed electorate, it is incumbent on public communications regulators to require full disclosure of publishers of paid advertising to the consumers.

By definition, a voter needs information to make a vote. The quality of the information is significant and is in your hands for internet sources.

As Radio K6ULB, I am aware of and fully accept that I must identify myself on air before, during, and after a transmission.

Dr. Richard Masterson

In light of proven, significant (and inappropriate) purchase of social media advertising by foreign agents and other questionable sources to influence our recent elections, every US citizen has a right to know who is trying to influence their views and their votes, regardless of the source media.

It's time the FEC update its rules to keep pace with technology. I, my family, and nearly all of my colleagues and friends who have discussed this feel quite strongly that the FEC should now adopt "Alternative A", applying the same disclosure rules for online ads as are already in place for TV, radio, and print media.

Validity of elections hinges upon fairness and a proper knowledge of the citizenry about who is asking, and why they are being asked to vote for a particular candidate or issue. The need for such transparency in this technological era is completely self evident.

Mr. Gerald Neviaser

FEC members,

It's absurd that we can't find out who is paying for the ads and information we see on the internet in the year 2018.

The FEC should be applying the same disclosure rules to the internet as it does to Radio, Print, and TV advertisements.

Please do it NOW!

Thank you for your time.

Mr. Patrick Ricevuto

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to again state my strong support of transparency for our democracy.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Woodbridge
Friday Harbor, WA

Ms. Jennifer Woodbridge

Hi FEC,

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you, Pat

Mr. Pat Munson

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Dr. Pamela Hanson

The largest threats to our democracy today are the unbridled influence of money and the lack of transparency in our elections. I encourage the FEC to adopt REG 2011-02 Internet Communication Disclaimers as a small but important step in returning to fair elections and a well-informed electorate.

Mr. David Walton

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Without question--we, the public, taxpayers, voters- definitely want to know who is paying for Internet political ads. We need to know who is paying for ALL POLITICAL ADS whether on Internet, newspapers, TV, radio, print & campaign brochures! No one should be exempt. Every single ad needs to be identified correctly as to who paid for it. In what used to be "our free" society, our elections were better protected than they are today. We will hold the FEC accountable if the Mid-Term elections turn up any wrong doing. It should be the FEC's job to set the overall guidelines on elections--especially for a universal law on advertising. That, in no way, should be left up to the States to decide. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. And, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. All Americans deserve the same protections! Nothing less!

Mrs. Audrey Brownell

As Americans, we should be informed of the identity of persons, governments or entities which are seeking to influence our views and votes on line. Transparency is crucial in light of the recent attack on our democracy by Russia in the 2016 election. Disclosure of information to obtain on line ads should be the same as required for TV, radio and print ads. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A' and update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Thank you,
Mr. and Ms. Woodrow Michael Bonesio

Mr. Woodrow Bonesio

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Our elections are to important for there not to be full transparency.

Mr. Reed Williams

Please adoption A so that online ads are subject to the same disclosure rules as those on other media. We should know who's paying for it. Thank you for your consideration.

mike cluster

Trump and administration is corrupt and illegitimate and condones non transparency. Trump must go

alan harper

Don't we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Duane Tucker

Keep internet free, no different than air we breathe, water we drink,
roads/TV/lan telephone lines laid/built decades ago.

Societal peace requires public/regulated utilities to remain democratic,
free

Mr. James Roberts

American citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

I recommend that the FEC adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. nate marino

I oppose gerrymandering and find it a threat to our democratic values.

Jacob Listerud

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Updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it.

Ms. Simone St Clare

We deserve to know who is trying to buy influence with our elected officials. Please adopt alternative "A".

Ms. Judy Whitehouse

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Gary Bledsoe

The fEC needs to be more transparent. It should use the Alternative A designation like tv and radio. The public should know who is paying for the advertizing

Mrs. Betsy Webster

We need to know if we are being presented with disinformation from hostile foreign governments, and or disingenuous domestic political players.

Roland Damm

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Every person voting should have a paper receipt of their vote, and voting machines should be made impregnable to hacking.

Ms. Marta Dawes

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

S Rand

Please adopt Plan A for greater transparency.

Diane Marsalis

The people of this country deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Tamara Matz

A democratic society depends on a well-informed and fully-informed electorate for its proper functioning. For that reason, we as citizens must be able to see who is trying to influence our opinions and votes. This requires transparency in ALL political advertising.

We already have transparency and disclosure rules for political advertising via television, radio, and print media. With increasing reliance on electronic media, it is essential that these protections be extended to ads communicated by ALL FORMS of newer technology. We NEED online transparency.

I call on all relevant agencies to take strong action to implement full advertising disclosure in internet and other electronic media.

Mr. Jay Atkinson

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Lynda Barry

We need to require disclosure of those posting ads on social media so we have an informed electorate. There is too much dark money in our political process.

Ms. Barbara Anderson

The Internet is a public utility and the public has a right and need to know exactly who is using it and for what purposes. The necessary predicate for a functioning Democracy is an informed and educated electorate. That is what Thomas Jefferson said when this country was formed and it is still true today. We need to know just who is trying to "inform" us. Without full disclosure the electorate can never be fully informed or properly and honestly educated. Being able to hide who you are and what your true purpose and aims allows any party to lie or distort with impunity.

Mr. Vincent De Stefano

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Scott Ferguson

We the People deserve to be well-informed about our election choices. The ad environment is filled with rhetoric and it's difficult to parse the meaning of many political ads. Only by knowing the backers can the intent of many misleading statements be deciphered.

For years, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law has required that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it like similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising. Technological changes demand that Social Media these days must also be included.

I want to know who is trying to influence my understanding of the issues. I want my vote to be informed by reliable sources. I cannot know this now with the obscuring fraudulent political ads being foisted on the public by unreliable sources.

I believe that the he FEC should adopt ?Alternative A? to apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Further, I think all ads on all media should be required to plainly and obviously state the source of the funding for the groups running the ads.

Ms. Kae Bender

I am writing to strongly urge the FEC to adopt Alternative A and apply the same rules that govern television radio and print political advertising to the internet. Transparency is absolutely essential for the meaningful exercise of the right to vote and the functioning of our democracy. Americans should know who is behind online advertising that is attempting to influence how they vote. The FEC's transparency rules need to adapt to this new technology.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Mr. Kent Borges

I'm a senior, an amputee, I depend on the internet to take care of my business. I also use it to shop, order medications, make appointments with my doctors, and to view lab reports. If I lose net neutrality, the right to view content at my discretion, to use any ISP of my choice, it will cause me suffering. NO ONE should tell me what I can, can't see, cut the speed of my connection down, and charge me more for internet service. As a senior I live on fixed income, I can't afford expensive internet fees, and pay for needed medication, doctor visits, and rent. LEAVE MY INTERNET ALONE!!!!!!!!!!

Mrs. Carolyn Griswold

If this rigged system is ever to be unrigged, transparency is the key.

John Doyle

I'm concerned about dark money and foreign influences undermining our democracy by misleading voters.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Michael Ankelman

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Mr. Andrew Goldman

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Colin Epstein

In order to participate fully in our democracy, the public needs to be well-informed. We need to be able to evaluate the source of information we receive via the internet, TV, radio, print media, etc. Thus we need to know who is trying to influence our views and votes via advertising or other means. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology to help the public in its quest for accurate information. I would like the FEC to adopt "Alternative A", which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. April Atwood

A free and open internet is what makes America free it needs to stay free
And the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the
disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too .
We the American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our
views and our votes.The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep
up with new technology now.

Mr. steve adler

This is a letter that I wrote to the Pope.

Giving ALL honor to God!

I request your attention, Pope Francis.

I'm currently reading your book, "Walking with Jesus".

I'm concerned about the future of the church.

GOD has a plan for us. God's plan for Man is to evolve the right way. The serpent has been put here to help us EVOLVE in the right way. As long as we keep our heels pressed down on that Serpent's head our future will remain intact. But if we allow the Serpent to walk all over us then we have failed God and no longer deserve to exist.

What happened to Adam and Eve was our first test to help us Evolve in the right way.

Satan made them feel ashamed of themselves. Then they covered up their nakedness and hid from God.

That was 1 for Satan and 0 for Man.

We have made many mistakes over our, "walk with God". But we have learned from our mistakes. And that is why we have been allowed to continue our journey.

But, the times are 'a changing. And that serpent has grown alongside us as opposed to being beneath our heels. We have grown too accustomed to the Evils of Satan. We have allowed the Snakes into our lives. And that's where, "We fucked up!"

Now Satan is gaining power and is making a move for the position of King of Man. When that happens God will know that We have disobeyed and failed Him. We have to make sure that Devil is underneath Our heels at all times! And that will keep Us Evolving in the RIGHT DIRECTION.

My concern is : **SATAN IS USING HOMOSEXUALS TO DESTROY OUR WALK WITH GOD.**

The Homosexuals are building an ARMY and their plan is to destroy God's Plan for

Evolution.

You have to understand that the "Homosexuals are destroying Families."

The Family is under attack.

I'm a single 41 year old man who has been prevented from having a family because I am constantly under attack from the Homosexuals, just like Jesus.

Please DO NOT allow the Homosexuals to walk with you. Their job is to lead the church astray from the commandments of God.

When the Homosexuals gain control of all the world's wealth - EVERY MAN WILL BECOME A PROSTITUTE!

That's why we have to place them and their actions under our feet.

I pray this message finds you in a godly. And I hope you can look past my choice of words and understand the importance of TRUTH.

I don't have all the answers; but I do know what's going on.

GOD BLESS you and your family.

And my God save the Church.

Love Always,

Leroy Lewis

Mr. Leroy Lewis

Keep foreign influence and money out of our elections. Adopt the "Alternative A" rules to at least help reveal sources behind the ads.

John Gay

Face it: non-disclosure means hiding.

In our government, there should be absolutely zero hiding.

The American people need and deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Here's an important point, seeing that we live in 2018: The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

And this, too, seeing that too many people believe anything they hear or read, without question: The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

I'd love to trust again.

Ms. Shawn Troxell

In order to maintain transparency about the electoral process, the FEC should select option A, which would disclosure rules for TV, radio, and print ads to include online ads as well. The public needs to understand who is trying to influence our electoral process, and since online media are increasingly powerful influencers in that process, the FEC needs to use rules appropriate to our current state of technology in media.

Dr. Lorna Wood

In order to have information about who is influencing our views and our votes, the FEC MUST update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC MUST adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we see in TV adds to social media adds.

NO MORE influence from Russia on our elections WITHOUT our knowledge allowed!!

Anne-Marie Young

The whole idea of America is equality of opportunity, a level playing field...in a word FAIRNESS. There can be no fairness without full disclosure, without the powerful putting their heavy thumbs on the election scale. Americans have a need and right to know who is trying to influence elections -- in addition to Mr. Putin. Adopt Alternative A.

Mr. Donald Laskin

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We cannot afford another election debacle like we had in 2016.

Mr. Dan Wicht

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. "facts" are real and what "facts" aren't, we must know the source of the comments, articles and "news" we are consuming online.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Government is almost always behind on technology, which, while understandable due to the slow response time of budget and regulations, the FEC must be the exception because, by its very nature, this is the entity most responsible for ensuring that our election process is open and honest.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This should be a "no brainer" in the current environment. Our election process must be protected and the FEC must take the actions required to ensure this.

Barbara Miller

I am very concerned about the control of the internet by megacorporations who have unlimited ability to monitor our lives through the use of the internet. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Citizens should run this country--not corporations.

Mr. Michael Goldberg

Just listen to the Pentagon... cyber war is everywhere. You would be crazy to not do anything to oppose this force

william glatfelter

(1) In support of transparency for our democracy, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

(2) The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

(3) The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Dr. rosemarie kuhn

We agree with Common Cause:

? We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Martin and Sharon McGladdery

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would also apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads. Additionally, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Ms. Carolyn Knoll

Everyone in a Democracy has a right to not be deceived whether by foreign governments or our own citizens wishing to hide their true identities and agendas. I strongly urge you to protect our democracy and require all messaging to clearly name who is responsible for paying for it. Thank you for listening to me.

Dan McGill

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Eric Fosburgh

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Mr. RIchard Herndon

The only path to saving our representative democracy is public financing of elections. With public education by public radio and television, citizens will approach the ballot with a great deal more knowledge than the horrific campaign waste of advertising provides now. The campaign should only be 3 weeks or less. Election day should be a national holiday. There should be a poll tax, i.e., if you don't send in your "I voted" voucher with your taxes, you will be assessed a surcharge to fund elections. Registration must be allowed at the polls on election day. A short verbal quiz about the election issues and a statement that the voter is not being bribed or intimidated to vote a certain way, should be involved at the polling place. We must make it worth our while to vote with any and all means at our disposal.

Without drastic change, the oligarchy will establish a permanent war economy for the benefit of profiteers, and the resources of this country, natural and human, will be tapped out without restraint for war, pollution, greed, and the utter loss of dignity for the individual. I am content that my life is in it's last quarter, and there is hope I will not see the chastisement we are bringing upon ourselves. Politicians embrace wealth, power, pleasure, and adulation. The apathetic citizenry embrace pride, envy, greed, lust, anger, sloth, and gluttony. All except the remnant are condemned by frenetic intemperance. Freedom is not license. Legal is not moral. The best laws are always parallel with the natural law instilled in us all.

Mr. David Jerome Popko

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. John Wienert

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Mark and Judy Harvey

There is so much misinformation being circulated on the internet and in other media that it has become increasingly difficult to find the truth, especially for those of us who have families and are working. It would help to know who is behind the internet news items that are trying to influence us. The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology and adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Robert Kral

The 2016 election has proven that there are bad actors trying to influence our elections. The people deserve the right to know who is promoting candidates and policies so that they can evaluate what interests those promoters have in the candidate or policy. Disclosure of the supporters of ads, whether on traditional or new media, give the public a fair chance and understanding this. I urge the FEC to update its campaign rules to require disclosure of funding for campaign ads - not just to the anonymous shell organization providing the funding, but down to the contributors to that shell organization. Otherwise, the manipulation of our elections will continue.

Mr. David Rynerson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the same disclosure rules that currently pertain to TV, radio, and print ads, to online ads.

Mrs. Jane Jones

The American public has a right to know, who is behind the information we are being fed. Regardless of the medium. The internet providers should be held to the same journalistic standards as our newspapers and TV. The DARK money in political ads should be exposed and its source identified publically.

Mr. Patrick McTavish

All political ads need to reveal the name(s) of the individuals and companies or interest groups paying for the ads. We have every right to know the identities of the individuals and the companies or interest groups that sponsor such ads. We need transparency and honesty in our political dialog that is missing right now, with bogus shell "committees" being put forth as ad sponsors. This is misleading and unfair!

Susan Weiss

Transparency is critical to democracy and making informed decisions. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Jeannie Shu

All political ads of whatever medium should have plain to see (or hear) disclosure statements of who or what organization funded the ad. This especially applies to paid political statements conveyed on the internet. We need to know the source of the information we are faced with. In short, go Alternative A.

Dr. Robert Hall

I wish that I could testify before the FEC in person @ its hearing on June 27 but I will be in another part of the country.

I believe that the USA public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Therefore, the FEC should

- 1) update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology &
- 2) adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the same disclosure rules used for TV, radio & print ads to online ads.

Mr. Barry Reese

It is essential that we know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. We need to be able to evaluate the source of information in order to know whether or not to trust it.

It is a fact that during the 2016 campaign and election, we voters were exposed to fraudulent political ads that were planted by a foreign government.

It would be irresponsible and anti-American to weaken "paid for by" rules for online ads.

Ms. MJ Cittadino

In a true democracy, there is absolutely no justification for hiding information about campaign funding of electoral ads and campaign activities. The fact this is even being debated shows we're actually taking a step backwards. Anyone who believes in the US as a democracy could not possibly support measures that make campaign finance less transparent.

Mr. Nicholas Goncharoff

°We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

°The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

°The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

It is always a slow development to what seems immediate, a "Plutocratic Fascist Oligarchy" which has been the 'coup' presently of the U.S. Republic.

Let us return to "Of, By, and For the People".

The interests of the nation should always be superior to the interest of the few, of the 1%.

Mr. David Peterson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. laura mcmullen

I am a long-time supporter of Common Cause, and I agree with that organization's position, viz.,

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? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Democracy is under attack by powerful forces. Please help our citizens defend themselves against those who would manipulate us.

James Bading

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. David Stuart

The FEC hasn't updated their disclosure rules in years. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, the bipartisan outrage at Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy gives us a real opportunity for action.

Already, over 140,000 Americans have spoken out to demand new, modern disclosure rules -- and in response the FEC has offered two proposed rules it is considering. One -- which we support -- would clarify how many of the same disclosure rules as TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads. The other would water down these requirements, making it harder to stop Russian meddling in 2018 and beyond.

New rules by the FEC wouldn't solve every problem -- and it'd be no substitute for action by Congress, like passing the Honest Ads Act to require full transparency for online ads. But updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know.

Bottomline, the FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Genevieve DeGuzman

Transparency is basic to democracy. Particularly in the communication systems. Please follow the guidelines of Common Cause.

Mr. Walter Gray

The FEC needs to update its policy to enhance transparency and protect the election process from the meddling of foreign bots and other forms of sabotage. The public has a right to know who is behind the funding of internet political advertisement.

Dr. George Drelios,PhD

Accurate interpretation of statements requires knowledge of the source. For information as crucial as electoral arguments, disclosure of funding sources is absolutely essential. I urge you to adopt the strongest possible requirements, which I understand to be "Alternative A", so that voters have the ability to evaluate the advertising presented to them.

Ms. Louise Mehler

Equal access to internet service is essential and needs to be preserved.

It is of particular importance considering the important role internet access plays in the field of education at all levels.

Limiting access based on ability to pay is just another ploy by the out of touch Republicans to control the flow of information.

Clearly, the Republicans are concerned only with themselves and their wealthy donors and have no interest in protecting the rights of our citizens and the basic ideals of a democracy.

Ms. Eileene Gillson

Online ads need the same "paid for" disclaimers as any other ads. In fact, it should be a lot more transparent who really paid for the ad. It should not be possible for someone to hide behind shell organizations that make them sound like the opposite they are actually advocating for.

Thank you!

Dr. Barbara Diederichs

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Dorian Carli-Jones

I support full disclosure of sources for political and social media. The public needs to know who is supplying opinion/influence the same as we are advised who is paying for radio/tv advertising.

Mr. Ted Clark

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank You!

Ms. Deborah Irwin

I'm writing to the FEC in support of transparency for our democracy. As a proud registered voter for the past 18 years, I believe all voters and all Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. I believe the FEC should do everything it can to update transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Also, since the 2016 Presidential Election, I believe now more than ever that the FEC should apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads. These issues are of vital importance to our democracy and to the integrity of our elections.

Thank you for your time.

Ms. C Portelli

I believe that I and all of my fellow citizens have a right to know who is paying to influence votes. If people or corporations have right to make such payments, I have a corollary right to know who is doing so. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Mr. Bill Hilton

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Our democracy depends on a well-informed public. We need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. Do not weaken "paid for by" disclaimer rules for online ads.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

We now know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites. Don't let this happen again!

We deserve to know how Russian oligarchs or big corporations are spending money online to influence our votes, in as close to real-time as possible.

Protect voters' right to know.

Ms. Jill Harry

We have a most disturbing problem as proven by the foreign interference with our elections in 2016. Because we now have the erroneous distinction of the Supreme Courts decision to allow unlimited funding into our elections via the Citizens United decision.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

And the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Since our do nothing Republican Congress and White House can't seem to pass ANY legislation it should be passing to correct this problem, it falls on the FEC to make corrective actions with our system.

Please do your job to protect America from foreign and domestic intervention. These violations should be considered treasonous.

Thank you,
Allen Taylor
Salem, Oregon

Allen Taylor

To the Members of the FEC

Before making your decision regarding On-Line Ads I am writing to make sure that you consider how important it is that the voter know who it is that is providing the information. We cannot make a good decision based on false or misleading claims. Currently our technology is not keeping pace with that of the private area. The egregious distortions and lies allowed to be posted on FaceBook during the 2016 election cycle must be prevented from every occurring again.

Ms. Fran Post

I write in support of extending political advertising transparency rules to advertising on the World Wide Web.

There should be no special privilege for one ad platform over another, and in this era of targeted advertising it is crucially important that the American people know just who is paying in support of candidates.

New technology demands that the ethical rules be adapted to it. Just because it doesn't come into our homes over the air or across our doorsteps does not mean that it is any less important or effective; rather, because of targeting it can be more so.

Please recognize the importance of adopting "Alternative A", making for consistency across all media.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Mr. David Penzel

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A? which would apply the same disclosure rules to online ads that currently apply to TV, radio, and print Ads. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our vote and our views.

You need to update your rules to deal with new technology ads that attempt to influence us!

Mr. Gary Adler

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Mr. Martin Baclija

Hello,

It is beyond disconcerting that the President's party has demonstrated a collective lack of interest in protecting our elections from future influence by foreign autocrats - which can only mean they love the way such meddling is working out for them, thus far.

We are undergoing an insurgency. As the insurgents respect nothing but their own narrow interests - norms, traditions, even laws, are increasingly viewed as optional.

I hope the FEC will prevail in ensuring free and fair elections.

Mr. Jake Culver

Please take steps to update FEC transparency rules to keep up with new technologies. We deserve to know who is attempting to influence our views and our votes. I encourage you to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This would seem like a minimal, but important, step toward making our elections fair and responsive to the people.

Ms. Marilyn Thompson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Stephen Dutschke

Adopt Alternative A.

Let us know who is trying to influence our views.

Update transparency rules

Mrs. Jo Coscia

I support transparency for our democracy.

The FCC needs to update disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to apply to online ads as well.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public; and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing.

We need to prevent the Russian meddling which occurred in 2016 through fraudulent political ads on Facebook and other social media sites.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Andrea Saunders

As you know our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- we require transparency to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

We now know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads -- planted by the Russian government -- on Facebook and other social media sites. Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy gives us a real opportunity for action now to implement new, modern disclosure rules because we deserve to know how Russian oligarchs or big corporations are spending money online to influence our votes, in as close to real-time as possible.

As federal regulators I urge you to use this opportunity to update the transparency in disclosure rules to keep up with new technology by adopting "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, thereby improving transparency in political spending. Updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our democracy and our right to know.

Please do not weaken or water down the requirements and rules for online ads, as it would make it harder to stop Russian or others from meddling in elections in 2018 and beyond. American voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Please protect American voters' right to know.

Ms. C Lenihan

I'm writing in support of greater transparency of our political life in the USA, especially electoral processes.

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. In 2016, the Russian government, as well as other governments, mounted an influence campaign on multiple channels to influence our views and our votes. Most Americans had no idea at the time of the extent of this influence. The Russian active measures were largely successful. There was not transparency and the country has suffered. We need to ensure this never happens again.

In our new world of social media, internet advertising and high-tech falsification of print, audio and video records for online dissemination, it's far easier for adversaries - whether foreign or domestic, governments, corporations, non-profits or individuals - to target and distribute their propaganda. The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

In the past, the FEC established disclosure rules for television, radio and print ads. Recognizing that the majority of Americans now receive more advertising online than through traditional media channels, the FEC should adopt 'Alternative A', which would apply the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ms. Meg Carter

Thank you for the opportunity to make my voice heard.

I believe Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes; thus, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting ?Alternative A.? Apply to online ads the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads. This is a vital issue, particularly given the Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Mr. Neal Attinson

I cannot understand how anyone in a position of power within government would be ok with going down as part of the group that brought the USA down in the global standing of great nations. **THAT IS WHAT LOSING NET NEUTRALITY MEANS.** We already suffer as a nation from uneven distribution of access to reliable internet. We pay outrageous prices for bad service from Comcast because they have real or virtual monopolies in 2 markets we live in: Central PA and Philadelphia.

Don't sell our country out. Don't sell our youth / students out. We will all regret this move.

Restore Net Neutrality and **BREAK THE EXISTING MONOPOLIES.**

Dr. roselyn costantino

The Internet was crated for everyone to use, not for the privatization of corporate entities to take over with the intention of profiting from limiting the access to only the rich! Monopolies are NOT in the best interests of the people! STOP the take-over of the Internet by profiteers!

Mrs. Charlene Boydston

I want to know who is paying to elect our government officials - we need transparency in this process!!

Ms. Joanne Wolfe

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. As a voter, it is important to know who is trying to influence an election. The FEC needs to include the internet in updating disclosure rules.

Ms. Hillary Lipe

I am writing to urge you to impose strict disclosure rules to on-line political advertisements as are proposed in "Alternative A." This is an extremely important step in protecting our democratic institutions from undue foreign or corporate interference. Disclosure of who is paying for such advertisements are already required for radio, television, and print media. There is not good reason while the wild west of the internet should not be so tamed as well.

There is already ample room for deception by advertisers who hide behind shell organizations that obscure the true donors, but they can be researched and exposed. There should be no less standard for on-line political advertisements.

Mr. Michael Bleiweiss

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Nora Polk

If money=free speech, we need to know whose money is being used to expand "free speech." I want to know who is supporting which candidate or position, and I want to know how much is being supplied. They can have my information: I want theirs, too.

Mr. Kevin Brewner

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you,
~Diana Turner~

Ms. Diana Turner

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

T. Zeltmann

It is important and the American way to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This consistent approach would go a long way to improve transparency.

Marne McCluskey

The FEC should update its transparency rules.

Mr. Leigh Stamets

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Michelle Nelson

I believe that all communications in favor of or against any proposal(s) or person(s) should be required to make the same level of disclosures that I made to get to this point in the comment section. No aliases, no committees with no individual names attached, no shadow companies like the one Michael Cohen used to pay off Donald Trump's trust partners. When a person preparing to vote sees an add in print on TV or in the internet the source and agenda should be clear. Just like the paid for requirements are for TV now. And if the party paying for the add is a subsidiary of a foreign government or government-affiliated entity that should also be disclosed. That should probably disqualify the ad. I believe regardless of the wealth and political influence of the owners internet companies they should be treated the same as the tv networks and newspapers. or they should be forbidden to put any news or politics-related advertising on their platforms.

Mr. James Barkley

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jennifer valentine

With the increasing concern over suspected Russian influence in the 2016 presidential election, it would be in the best interests of the country to increase transparency of political ads. This should be done by making clear who is funding the ad no matter where the ad is: television, radio, online, printed media, etc. The American people deserve to know who is influencing their votes so transparency needs to be updated for the current day.

Mr. Winston Lee

It is essential that political ads contain the source of sponsorship. We must remove all foreign money and power from our democracy. As well, any organization making political ads must reveal EXACTLY who they are and their citizenship

Mrs. Rochelle Pacheco

I think that voters were duped by Russian ads during the 2016 Presidential election.

The American public deserves to know who is paying for ads in order to make an informed decision.

Ms. Debra Cunningham

I want every ad, especially on-line ones, to carry indentifying information about who is sponsoring (paying for) the ad so that I can decide how much credence to give to the ad. This is the case for advertisements in media that are not on-line and I don't see why the same requirements shouldn't apply to on-line media in exactly the same way.

Please, update FEC rules to insure such identification on all on-line ads.

Mr. Kenneth Byrd

Technology changes in the last 30 years require updating policies regarding advertising. In the old days of radio and television, I recall requirements for identification of advertisers, and up front payment for all ads. That seems like the bare minimum to be required of users of electronic platforms of all kinds.

We, the people, have the right to know who is trying to influence our thinking in political ads, regardless of their financing or origin.

Roberta Wray

1. There should be no problem with updating your transparency rules. There are new media to communicate through and the old rules should apply without exception. The only reason for non-transparency is nefarious and does not belong in a democracy.
2. Further, if these advocates are on the up and up they should not be shy about identifying themselves. The people have the right to know who is paying for what in American politics.

Mr. Bruce Carroll

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new communication technologies. Even as those paying for campaign ads in print, radio, and television media are required to be identified, so must those paying for political issue or campaign ads on the internet. Failure to require this, allows nefarious use of the medium as was the case during the 2016 elections.

I hope the FEC will adopt "Alternative A" which requires that the same requirement to identify the spender in print, radio, or TV advertisements, be applied to online ads and particularly those on social media.

Dr. Will Silva

We MUST have public financing for elections!

Ms. Kailey Kefi

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Given the evidence of interference in the last election, this issue requires immediate and thorough action!

Ms. Kathy Bradley

We need to know who is trying to influence our votes. The FEC needs to support transparency in all its actions.

Mrs. Dorothy Stoner

With the profound effect of "dark money" on our democratic elections, I urge the FEC to make Internet Communication Disclaimer rules for campaign ads comprehensive and responsive to current abuses.

It is important Internet campaign ads be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

This is vitally important to be in place before the 2018 elections. It is already too late for some primary elections, so there is a real urgency for FEC responsiveness. Transparency is a vital component to democratic elections.

Candace Pratt

No comments right now.

Mr. Michael Pan

Voters need to know who is purchasing election advertisements especially when presented in new media such as Facebook because we are not yet accustomed to filtering content in these sources as much as we do with traditional ones.

Mr. Clayton Blackburn

Our democracy is in real peril unless we bring reason to our election financing laws. Please, please enforce all disclosure laws now on the books and help us as we try to achieve total accountability for election campaign financing. Citizens United was simply a stupid decision. Corporations are not people. If the corporations, unions, other businesses and special interest groups (such as the Russian-financed NRA) want to back a candidate, they should be required to make all of their help public, including Internet and social media help, as well as money.

As we learned in 2016, the lack of accountability will put every election outcome into question. And that will work to erode our faith in our government. Please take every step you can to get the system out in the open.

Mr. James Thompson

The Supreme Court's Citizens v. United decision didn't open a can of worms, it unearthed a nest of snakes. Since then, our Democracy has been for sale to the highest bidders.

It is vital that we know what individuals and corporations are contributing to Political Action Committees and sponsoring Media advertising.

Individual donors to political campaigns must be listed. It may be unlawful that donors to PAC's need not be listed. And if corporations are persons, they should be subject to the same donation limits.

In addition, when a donor is identified, the parent corporation or individual must be named, not subsidiaries, derivatives or shells.

We are now not a Democracy, we are an Oligarchy, and a Conservative activist Supreme Court is responsible. I wholeheartedly support the Move to Amend the Constitution to counteract their disastrous decision. In the meantime FEC rules could compensate for some of its effects.

Thank you.

Ms. Adele E Zimmermann

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Please protect voters' right to know. Do not weaken 'paid for by' disclaimer rules. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt 'Alternative A,' which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Steven Solomon

In support of transparency for our democracy, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

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Thank you for your time.

Ms. Ronit Corry

I am an individual citizen of the USA who wants net neutrality to be come law of the land forever. I, along with many millions of others, who use the internet frequently, use the internet to do research for books, to educate myself on may issues, and to receive and respnd to political newsletters of interest to me. If I must pay extra money to get into a fast lane instead of a slow lane, I can not do that and wi ll not. I am retired, living solely on social security and have medicare for my health needs. Having an open network is important to me and to millions of others in the world, it is y only way to be able to keep knowledge flowing on a daily basis. Not only will you be killing off future spenders of money to businesses by slowing own the internet, you will lose many many possible consumers, who simply will not be able to afford to purchase anything. And most everyone needs and open internet to find and keep their jobs, educate themselves, and help others.

Sara M. DuBois

Mrs. Sara DuBois

ABSOLUTELY NO \$\$\$\$ SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL TO INFLUENCE THEIR DECISIONS TO VOTE ON ANYTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!ANYONE TAKING \$\$\$ FROM THE NRA WILL BE VOTED OUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED ALONG WITH EVERYONE I KNOW!! THEY ARE NOT WORKING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THEY ARE ONLY WORKING FOR WHOEVER GAVE THEM MILLIONS TO SWAY THEIR VOTE, DISGUSTING & SAD!!! PARTY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PEOPLE, REPUBLICANS ARE THE DIRTIEST, MOST GREEDY PEOPLE I'VE EVER SEEN, BOWING DOWN & GOING ALONG WITH EVERYTHING OUR ILLEGITIMATE POTUS DOES SO THEY ARE JUST AS GUILTY AS HE IS FOR EVERYTHING BAD HE DOES TO THIS COUNTRY, THEY SHOULD ALL BE ASHAMED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPEACH OR RESIGN THAT CLOWN

Ms. Nancy Kubon

We badly need updated internet transparency rules and deserve to know who and what are trying to influence us and our politics.

Online ads should be subject to the same disclosure rules as any other advertising, and it is not clear to me why that should not always have been the case. Update the rules, please. Again, it is our right to know.

Thank you,
Lyn Lowry

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

Ms. Kata Orndorff

I believe it is crucial to have complete transparency in the width and breath of our democracy?s campaigning and election procedures. Without this transparency, our democracy remains in grave danger.

Linda Gardner

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Mrs. Candace LaPorte

I was and am still appalled at what happened in the election of 2016. The blatant manipulation of our politics was/is frightening.

That state voter files were hacked by Russia and maybe others cannot be allowed to happen again.

Here in California, there is a move to get away from fully electronic voting to the use of clearly public domain paper ballots.

What we need, and what the commission needs to support is strong protections for our electoral process. Some have advanced unfounded scare tactics alleging voter fraud and manipulation. The reality is that it is so minuscule as to be laughable.

Also, a number of states have passed laws that make it more difficult for people to vote. And these laws are aimed at minorities that do not have the resources to conform to excessive demands for identity and status.

The states do have the ability to draw up districts and such for federal and state representative voting. This has again been abused to disenfranchise all too many citizens. This needs to stop.

Not all of this is in the purview of the FEC, but the commission must do all within its power to protect our voting systems from attack and subversion.

So I say do the Commission: Do your job and protect our elections from those who want to subvert and destroy us.

I am a leader in my faith community and I am reflecting the concerns of all of us.

Mr. John Hydar

Corruption has overcome our government.

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Mrs. Judy Landress

I want to know who is paying for the information I am reading or receiving on the internet and TV!

Ms. Veroune Chittim

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Lies should not be permitted in any ad on any media.

Ms. Deirdre MacAlpine

i believe the internet should be open and there should be no attempt to interfere with the openness of the internet and that we should be free to pursue any sight we wish and that internet providers should not rule over what we see

Mr. anthony marinelli

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If they have nothing to hide from the public, all political ad-buyers should have nothing to fear from the public, including losing our support.

Mr. Rodney Saenz

Dear Sir or Madame:

I consider it of the utmost importance that the decision be made to require "paid for by" disclosure of any & all online political ads pertaining to U.S. elections. Knowing who funded an ad buy gives ad viewers a perspective on the point-of-view and possible agenda behind campaign ads and allows for a more thorough consideration of the issues and candidates upon which citizens may decide to vote. Requiring such disclosure for online ads will help preserve our democracy and sovereignty. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Adam Skinner

Mr. Adam Skinner

I support transparency for our democracy and in our elections processes and policies.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. We can only do that if

the FEC updates its transparency rules to keep up with new technology in voting machines and methods...including on-line and voter registration by license.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Dr. Amy Winter

I fully support transparency for our democracy.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Andrea Jones

Ms. Andrea Jones

Americans want to know who funded the ads they see. It is imperative that the FEC pass the rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them. Thank you.

Caroline Sietmann

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Ms. Victoria Urias

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Kenneth Ruby

I am in favor of requiring the person or organization that pays for online ads to identify themselves.

Mr. John Stoltenberg

We demand disclosure of newspaper and radio ads. We need to know who is paying for ads on the internet and social media.

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

Please protect our democracy and elections.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hanson

Mrs. Deborah Hanson

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Alan Papsun

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Dr. William 'Skip' Dykoski

I strongly believe the FEC needs to update its rules on transparency. Internet campaign ads need to include a full disclaimer clearly identifying the funder of the ad. If it's not practical to have a full disclaimer because of the ad's size or format, a link to the full disclaimer should be provided, along with a shorter disclaimer like "paid for by ____." The partial disclaimer needs to make the funder explicit. A lot of people just won't click on the link.

The new disclaimer rule needs to be put in place as soon as possible. Ads have already appeared on social media platforms, and many of them are starting to spread. I don't know who paid for those ads, and neither do millions of other voters who see them.

"Consider the source" is the first rule of critically analyzing any claim. Americans need to know who the source of any campaign ad is.

Ms. Cheryl Walsh

We are a democracy right? The voice of the people still matters right? Frankly, I don't believe either one of those statements anymore. However, if we are to have anything close to a democracy elections must be transparent. The vote is the last bastion of the voice of the people. But the Republicans don't want transparency. Why? If they have nothing to hide, then they should welcome transparency. But the Republicans don't want transparency because that would uncover their actions. The next statement is aimed directly at Republicans: One day, sooner or later, you and your Republican buddies will be voted out of office. When the Democrats.

Mr. Thomas Haynes

Transparency is vital and is practically the only safeguard left for citizens since the ill conceived Citizens United decision by a partisan Supreme Court majority. In that unprecedented example of judicial overreach the Supreme Court left in place the rules regarding transparency and it would be disgraceful if a partisan Federal Election Commission were to defy those rules and make it even easier for big money influences to be able to hide their identities and therefore their motives to influence elections. It would be disingenuous for the FEC to pretend not to recognize that the big money contributions and therefore the power to influence are extremely one sided and come down heavily in favor of the Republican Party and their candidates. It is a ludicrous idea that the few still existing unions who contribute to Democratic candidates could ever be an equal counter influence against corporate America. Individual reactionary billionaires and the well funded and organized representatives of those special interests such as the NRA, the Chamber of Commerce, ALEC and all their privately funded "think tanks" which are really personal lobbying arms of already insanely influential individuals have outsized control in every aspect of government. That transparency must be protected is obvious since it is all that's left to help all of us normal hardworking citizens have the ability to discern the truthfulness and motivations behind political the political advertising we are bombarded with constantly. Also let's stop pretending that there is no "coordination" between outside groups and candidates. Nobody believes that and it's another thing that degrades our democracy.

Mrs. Amy Armistead

It is imperative that voters can ?follow the money? when seeing ads, allowing them to make informed, factual decisions when voting!

Ms. Cheryl Hewitt

It is clear that internet ads funded by foreign interests have become ubiquitous and are undermining our democracy. It's time to implement strong rules that allow Americans to know where this information is coming from so that they can judge it accordingly.

Please act now to implement new, strong disclaimer rules for internet campaign ads.

Ms. Rainbow Di Benedetto

ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOVERNMENT OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE AND WORKS BEST WHEN THE MAJORITY AGREE WITH HOW OUR NECESSARY SOCIETAL INSTITUTIONS WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

ONLY ABOUT 50% OF ELIGIBLE VOTES REGISTER AND IN THIS LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2016 ONLY 52% OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS VOTED. THAT MEANS ABOUT 13% THE ELIGIBLE VOTES FEEL THEY ARE PART OF THE POLITICAL CONTROL OF OUR COUNTRY.

HERE IS WHAT WILL MOTIVATE THE PEOPLE TO VOTE WWW.ONE6YEARTERMLIMITS.ORG . WITH THIS STARTING IN THE U.S. WE CAN HAVE 10 TIMES THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND SECURITY WORLDWIDE WITHIN ABOUT 35 YEARS (2053). WITHOUT THE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM WORKING AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD WE WILL HAVE WARS, WORLDWIDE STARVATION AND DANGEROUSLY POLLUTED ATMOSPHERE. (CHINA SURPASSED JAPAN AS THE 2ND GREATEST ECONOMIC POWER IN THE WORLD AND ON THE U.S.'S PRESENT POLITICAL DISFUNCTION COURSE CHINA WILL SURPASS THE U.S. WITHIN ABOUT 10 YEARS, BY 2028.)

I HAVE HAD CONTACT OVER MORE THAN 50 YEARS WITH PEOPLE FROM ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY OF THE WORLD AND FIND 85% OF ALL PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ARE FAIRLY GOOD AND WANT TO WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMON GOALS.

THE POWERS THAT BE. 0.01% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, ARE MOTIVATED BY MONEY AND POWER NOT THE COMMON GOOD. NO ONE PERSON HAS THE TIME AND ABILITY TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR WELFARE IN OUR NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED 21ST

CENTURY INTER-CONNECTED WORLD. WE NEED GOOD OBJECTIVE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES GETTING OBJECTIVE INFORMATION FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES AND MANAGING THE SYSTEM TO MAKE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DECISIONS FOR THE COMMON GOOD NOT FOR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCE.

EVEN THE POWERS THAT BE, WORLDWIDE WILL BE BETTER OFF BECAUSE FREE PEOPLE, WITH A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, PRODUCE MORE, KEEP MORE AND SHARE MORE. THIS CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION/MANAGEMENT OF OUR SOCIETAL INSTITUTIONS WILL GO AROUND THE WORLD AND WITHIN ABOUT 40 YEARS WE WILL HAVE 10 TIMES THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND SECURITY WORLDWIDE.
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DO EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE THE MAKE VOTING UNIVERSAL AND OBJECTIVE OR THE WHOLE WORLD INCLUDING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL ALL PAY FOR THE FAILURE OF OUR SYSTEM!

Mr. BILL VOM WEG

It's about time We, the People, are told the Honest truth about whao is supporting all of the candidates for political office in America. It is Long over due.

Ms. Sheila Dillon

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? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Barbara Mott

As a citizen and a voter, I deserve to know where political influence comes from. It does matter. No matter what a person SAYS on their campaign trail, if they're sponsored by some ultra-rich corporations and/or individuals they are going to want THEIR views represented...I don't begrudge them that, it's their money...though in case of corporations, that's not so clear..(do the CEO's have the same political views as their employees?),,,but as a voter, I deserve to know who's holding the purse strings and the influence over the candidate I'm considering! It Makes a big difference.

Mr. David Dragavon

Please require full and transparent disclosure of financing for political ads.

In the future, please limit advertising for political purposes. It is ruining the representative democracy of our republic.

Mr. Shannon O'Neal

This rule is vitally important for transparency in elections, and I strongly support it. The American people need (and deserve) to know where election information is coming from and who is funding it.

Ms. Kathleen Grandfield

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Martin Wolf

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Mr. Jeffrey Fernandez

Please update your rules and require online political ads to disclose who paid for them. Protect the public and our democracy. Thank you.
Betty Gunz

Ms. Betty Gunz

Safe, honest elections are the basis of a democracy. The federal government should take every precaution to safeguard this valuable right. No person, group, or country should be able to interfere with voting and the election process. It's the responsibility of the citizens to be informed and get out to vote every election day. It falls on the federal government to preserve and protect that right.
Thank you.

Mr. Vincent Castellano

We need to know who are making these statements to be able to help determine what & why the these statements originate.

Example: last election we had a bill to make transparent labeling of food products. Near the voting date Californians were bombarded with negative ads against this bill. Hugh scare tactics, & a whole kitchen sink of negative to vote no.

It turns out that a very small group seating in a coffee shop in Arizona threw dollars & these vote no ads. All because they could.

The bill did not pass, consumers not given a tool to make informed decisions on their diet & health. But the little group in Arizona were happy & had a good time.

That is not government for the people!

Mr. Gerard Ridella

The onslaught of fake news and dark money ads that ran on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign failed to disclose the identity of their origin! I strongly object to this. Here in the United States, we the people need to know the origins of such ads and exactly who paid for them. Thank you.

Ms. Josephe Marie Flynn

I, like many Americans, believe that our democracy, itself, is in peril, and that poor transparency is one of the key problems. Fortunately, there are measures that can be taken to turn this around and increase transparency. The include:

The FEC can and must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Respectfully,

Gene Ammarell

Dr. Gene Ammarell

The FEC needs to update its rules to cover Internet advertising. The FEC currently has rules for TV, radio, and print media. Is there any good reason not to have disclosure regulations in the realm of online political advertising as well?

Citizens need to know who is paying for political ads.

As any good journalist knows, the SOURCE of information needs to be taken into consideration when forming a judgement about the usefulness and genuineness of such info.

Who has paid for an ad is quite germane to the seriousness with which one reads it.

Without transparency, we have a democracy in name only.

Joseph Lalli

We have "one person, one vote" but if money=speech, then one billionaire can outshout a city. How is this fair? If we can't stop this lopsided influence, at least we can shine a light on it so we know who is feeding us "information" or propaganda. And there should be **NO HIDING BEHIND** bogus non-profit names. Democracy will die if the rich have all the influence. **MAKE IT FAIR!**

Ms. Deborah Meckler

Unless we know who is paying for ads, we can only assume they are nefarious propaganda from our enemies.

Mr. Dennis Ruffer

N/A

Mr. Francisco Dacosta

Please update your transparency rules regarding political advertisements and information that affects how our elections are held. We must be in step with the latest technology to help ensure that information that is circulating in the media is true and sourced. Thank you.

Ms. Janet Fotos

Disclosure rules need to be updated to make it clear who is actually supporting and financing an internet political proposition.

The same or even tighter controls should be applied to online ads as for TV, radio and print ads. It should not be allowed that the ultimate ad sponsor can be hidden behind a bunch of intermediary organizations - a path intentionally devised with misleading names to avoid defining the true sponsor.

Mr. Terry Cisco

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Mr. Michael Price

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Ms. Arlene Baker

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Mr. Tedd Ward Jr.

The world has changed, so outside influence in elections has become harder to discern. It's necessary for the FEC to update its transparency rules and adopt Alternative A. We citizens need to know we're reasonably safe from electoral theft.

Please do all you can to help preserve democracy, which is under extreme attack now.

Thank you.

James

James Pendergast

When someone communicates with me, I want to know who it is, and who it is includes anyone who makes the communication possible. When someone is "known by the company he keeps", I want to know who the "company" is. This isn't rocket science, and keeping the actual sources of political advocacy secret is tantamount to racketeering. If your policy doesn't change, I will assume all unrevealed ad buyers are criminal, and I will ignore their points of view.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Greg Movsesyan

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michael starace

We need to know who pays for political ads. I support The Federal Election Commission's proposed rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them. This is in direct response to the onslaught of fake news and dark money ads run on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign.

Ms. Danielle LeBlanc

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Dr. Carlos Cunha

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on REG 2011-02 Internet Communication Disclaimers. It is important to me that I know who is trying to influence my views and how I vote. Many advertisers may stress some points while not mentioning their substantial monetary (or power) stake in a particular campaign or issue. By knowing who is presenting information I can research influences and better evaluate their statements.

The rules that require this disclosure should apply to all forms of public (and perhaps private) communication. The current FEC transparency rules should be updated to keep up with new technology. Similar disclosure rules to those for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Royal Graves

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our elections. Without that transparency, we won't have a functional democracy. The FEC should adopt Alternative A!

Mr. Henry B. Mitchell III

The FEC should apply the disclosure rules for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Mr. Robert Gaines

I strongly encourage the FEC to act immediately to update regulations and require online political ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them. Thank you.

Ms. Alicia Rues

Without verified and clearly listed sources of any information posted on the 'net', people simply become manipulated by those posting unverified data. America can't afford to be further dumbed down and falsely divided, nor the long-time protections to prevent monopolies, people, and the environment discarded. What is happening now has led to a growing lack of concern for workers, safety, the environment or other issues vital to citizens, much of it based on the false information and 'advertising'/'marketing' that confronts 'net' users without their permission or ability to control it.

We say we value higher education, in which all academic data are referenced. But that seems to be opposite of what the 'net' has brought to people. Without the ability to know or access the source of statements, or to challenge and/or evaluate posted statements, people become simple reaction machines, stuck in the bubbles of belief that our equally broken political system has brought about.

Now that America and much of the rest of the world has turned it's users into poorly informed and unthinking response machines, left to 'take in' and respond to lies and other false advertising, we are in clear danger of losing our democracy. What ever happened to integrity? It apparently was the first thing to go as the internet-related 'dollars' came pouring in. But money is only a tangible marker of value, and of no actual value itself. If our society and the environment that supports all life are destroyed by the torrent of false information now poured out daily, money or laws won't be able to fix a dumbed-down nation of uninformed, over-armed and the inappropriately angry people that all of this has spawned.

Dr. T J Thompson

To whom it concerns,

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC must adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This gaping loophole has gone on long enough and it needs to be closed now.

Thanks for your time.

Best,
Cora Impenna

Ms. Cora Impenna

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Ms. Kathy Bradley

There is too much political advertising that is misleading, trying to get voters to vote for something that is not in their best interests, or trying to keep them from voting for something that is in their best interests. It's important to make sure that all political advertising is clearly identified as to who is supporting it.

Ms. M. Virginia Leslie

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Ms. Cornelia Teed

Dear Federal Election Commission,

Please keep our electoral process transparent. We, the participants in our democracy, deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. We deserve the right to know where the money that funds these influences comes from and what individuals are providing that funding.

As the means and methods of influencing us evolves, so must the FEC and its rules on transparency. Please update your transparency rules to keep pace with new technology and new avenues of delivering information to us citizens.

Please adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Thank you for considering these remarks.

Sincerely,

C. Evans

Cynthia Evans

Since public uses all sources of information to make decisions regarding elections in a democratic society, I am writing the FED that the same disclosure rules must apply to the online ads as those that apply to TV, radio, and print ads. Thanks for listening.

Mr. Sitaram Jaswal

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.

Ms. Brenda Michaels

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Mary Norman

The public's right to know who is paying for political ads on the internet should be just as important as who is paying for ads on TV.

Mr. Carl Berry

It is vital for people to know the origins of all political ads, including online ads. The FEC should update transparency rules and adopt ?Affirmative A? to regulate online ads. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Earl Kim

It is a basic need. Democratic principles necessitate identifying who is trying to influence those who are being solicited. If it is an online ad, we **MUST KNOW** who is sending that ad so we can consider why they are sending it.

Jim Wilson

Americans deserve to know who is buying advertisements intended to influence our views and our votes. This is a key fact in judging the point of view of the advertiser and the veracity of the information.

The FEC was created to serve the citizens of the US. It should update its transparency rules (on a regular basis) to keep up with new technologies and forms of influence.

I urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This should be the minimum.

Mr. Tom Feldman

The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Consequently, the FEC needs to update its transparency rules to get current with technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ben Wildman

Please strengthen all political advertising rules, especially on the internet and other social media venues, so that American citizens know who is putting them up. This will help us judge the veracity of the information in those ads. Don't let anyone, foreign or domestic, interfere in our elections again.

Ms. Bonnie Poland

Many people's views these days are influenced by ads they encounter on the Internet, ads placed by unknown sources. In the 2016 Presidential campaign, the Russians took advantage of this to meddle with our election. In 2020 and beyond it could be the Russians again, or it could be anyone else that chooses to go this route. What we need is for all ads on the Internet to state clearly and unambiguously who it is that placed the ad, so that we can have a sense of how much to rely upon what we are reading. Please put safeguards of this type in place immediately!

David Urman

I understand that the FEC is considering weakening the requirement that online political ads must show who is paying for them. Political ads on TV and radio, and in print, must show this information. Online ads have now become as pervasive as TV, radio, and print. I want to know who is paying for political ads, no matter what medium they appear in. I urge you to adopt "Alternative A," which will apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Ms. Karen Ivy

Honorable Federal Election Commission Chairman:

I want to speak out in AVID SUPPORT of the proposed rule "REG.2011-02/Internet Communication Disclaimers" which would require online ads to disclose who paid for them. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA, due to the onslaught of fake news and dark money ads run on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign. We need to know who's money is behind ALL internet advertising, especially political ads. I am speaking out in support of this crucial rule because nothing less than DEMOCRACY is at stake !!!

Mr. Derek Clark

The internet must not be obstructed to favor anything at any time.!

Mr. Russell Jones

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? in order to ensure transparency is uniform across differing technology platforms.

Mr. SM Dixon

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Alex Fierro-Clarke

I believe that if we do not update the FEC management of online ads we are bound to repeat the devastating effects of unregulated foreign and domestic propaganda to our politics and elections promulgated by the likes of Facebook, Cambridge Analytical, Google etc.

The time is now to enforce regulations for online ads similar to current newspaper, radio and TV Ads.

Perhaps we should also integrate an updated version of the Fairness Doctrine.

Here are the major tenets of a more robust enforcement by the FEC:

1. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
2. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
3. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Rosemarie Colacino

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology and also should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mrs. Kathleen Eaton

SUPPORT the proposed rule REQUIRING online ads to disclose who paid for them!!

THE PUBLIC DESRVES TO KNOW SO WE CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION!!

Ms. Gina Bates

WE, THE PEOPLE, deserve to know who is trying to influence our decisions, & all the more on such an important matter as our elections.

Donald Di Russo

do the right thing

Mr. owen payne

We do not need other countries involved in the USA's democracy. I call on the FEC to act immediately to update regulations and require online political ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them.

Ms. Heather Boothe

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Mr. Lance Ofenloch

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technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure
rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Do your job to protect me not big business.

Mrs. Susan Mathes

Transparency is one of the keys to protecting our democracy from outside manipulation. Technology advances allow hackers and malicious operators to undermine the public good if our FEC rules are not updated.

Mrs. Cheryl Darnton

I believe that VOTING is our MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT. For through VOTING we, hopefully, get the representatives that MOST of the People WANT. However, with foreign interference, gerrymandering, devastating voter i.d. laws, tons of dark money, fake social media posts, etc. etc. - being thrown into many elections, we aren't getting a REAL CHANCE TO PICK our Representatives. Our states can fix this by passing laws that regulate Voting ? making it easier to vote. Voting by mail, same day registration and/or automatic voter registration when citizen turns 18, mandatory disclosure of what organizations are donating \$\$ to candidates. We are counting on our State Election Officials to keep our Voting FAIR. Maybe we could vote to GET RID of the ELECTORAL COLLAGE and have whatever Candidate, gets the most votes, be the winner. God Help Us!!

Mrs. Sharon Miller

Having too many political ads with lies and innuendos that come from PACs and various named groups that are difficult to investigate does NOT make for an informed electorate, which is the basis of a democratic process. I am a well educated person with research skills, but with the flood of false and misleading information by shadowy groups made up of people hiding behind these PACS and other methods, it is increasingly difficult to identify the groups or verify the contentour. Our elections are reflecting special interests rather than facts. This does NOT bode well for the long term democratic process in the USA.

Dr. Nancy Mundorf

We need more transparency.

We need less money and an end to Citizens United.

Please adopt Alternative A.

Mr. Gerard Jameson

During the 2016 election, I can readily acknowledge that being online and using social media, I was routinely exposed to propaganda and politically-motivated content from third-party sites, much of which lied or distorted matters of record. The more exposure I had to it, the more I could discern the truth value of it, but there were a number of instances in which I had to do research on my own time to derive the conclusions, research which, I can't imagine a lot of people have time for. I'm a fairly savvy media consumer and yet I'll readily admit that even I bought into one story or another as it was going down.

Thus, I believe that it is in our best interests as citizens in a democracy that we know who is attempting to influence us and how, and that just as television ads note (very very briefly) their affiliation, so too should the same standard be held to online ads and their transparency. I can't pretend that this will solve everything, as the official names of most PACs and similar organizations are weaselly about what they're supporting, with a level of vagueness and people-pleasing titles straight out of an Orwell novel, but measures ought to be taken at least to push back against, and possibly plug, a leak in our civic defenses that has heretofore gone unaddressed.

Mr. Joseph A. Yencich

With all the confusion, please let everyone know who is trying to influence US views and voting.

The FEC clearly needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

?Alternative A,? will apply the disclosure rules already in place for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Ms. Jane B Middlesworth

Dear Decision Makers:

We citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Mr. Bo Bergstrom

The company I work for makes Internet and email filters. We depend on an open Internet to stay in business. Please help me keep my job by keeping the Internet open and not subject to the whims of Internet Service Providers. A restricted Internet would be devastating for all Americans except for the big Internet Service Providers which would have an oligopoly. A restricted Internet would be un-American.

Mr. Jeffrey Wiseman

I am in favor of requiring online political advertisements to disclose their funding sources.

Mr. Michael Miller

More people are using the Internet than reading newspapers or magazines these days. It is really crucial that political ads on the Internet must show who sponsored them.

Janis Hall

We deserve to have a neutral internet whereby all sites are treated equally and fairly. The internet providers should not have a monopoly on the services they offer or unnecessarily increase their rates for access to such streaming sites such as Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, or YouTube.

Ms. Ebony Yarger

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Kathleen Keske

All advertisements on TV, radio, the internet and other public broadcasting media should identify the entity paying for the ad, but this is especially true for political ads. We learned this, if we didn't already know it, from the unaccountable foreign-agent ads that clogged up the internet during the 2016 primaries and general election. It was your job to know it, and I hope you have learned it by now and will take the necessary measures to eliminate foreign interference in our national and state elections in 2018 and the future.

Mr. Kenneth Deed

Net neutrality Yeah Baby!!!!

Dr. Samuel Brewer

American citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence our elections & votes, at every level & in every medium. End of story.

Dr. Philip Bender

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Many voters didn't have that vital information during the 2016 presidential election. Today, we know that millions of voters saw fraudulent political ads that were planted by the Russian government on Facebook and other social media sites.

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC hasn't updated their disclosure rules in years. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate, but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy show us the critical need for meaningful change.

Pick the strongest proposal on the table for transparency in political spending, Alternative A! Thank you.

Ms. Christine Elgin

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Mark Peterson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our votes. "Paid for by" disclaimers now required for TV, radio and print ads need to include internet sites as well. We need to strengthen - not weaken- regulations for online ads, and all ads, for that matter. I know it's not within your purview, but what is also needed is an "Honest Ads Act." I'm disgusted by how our precious right to vote has been manipulated!

Diana Krantz

It is vital that users of the Internet be informed about who funds which types of political advertising. A lack of transparency means the potential for deliberate misinformation, as most users of the Internet tend to be casual users who will not take the initiative to investigate every claim.

Ms. Jessica Creel

Transparency in all aspects of our government including our election process is paramount to maintaining our democracy. I find it disgusting that Super PAC mechanism's can be used to hide who's really donating money in support or opposition to candidates or issues. Basically I believe that all Americans have the right to know who (an individual or organization) is trying to influence their vote. To help in this effort the FEC must adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Frank Evelhoch, II

The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC needs to keep up with new technology so that it can recognize undue influence from hostile powers.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mrs. Vanda Jaggard

The individuals, corporations, and PACs sponsoring political ads and/or internet posts need to be transparent as to their sponsorship. We need to know that these are not agents of foreign powers interfering with our democracy or terrorist/hate groups pursuing an special agenda.

Mr. Steve Walker

We DESERVE to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes! This is not a NAZI state!!

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Ms. Linda Gazzola

We deserved to know who is trying to influence our views and votes

Mr. Brian Lupo

It is extremely important for the people of the United States to know who is influencing our government and our personal voting rights. We must keep up with technology world wide to be sure that our country is secure and honest. We already have in place rules that could be extended to include online data, as the rules currently include TV and radio.

Greta Aul

If you allow "Dark Money", you actually CAUSE THE UNDEMOCRATIC RESULT, that you claim to be concerned about. Question: Who'll fight to defend a lying, deceptive, unaccountable government?? NOT I!!!

Mr. Herman S. Simms, Jr.

We are respectfully suggesting that the FEC update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mr. Jim and Nina Kelly

Our Democracy should not be sold to the highest bidder, with dark money from any foreign countries like Russia, China, UAE, etc. Additionally, including all Corporations!

Ms. Andrea Alfred

These proposed rules are critically vital to the survival and strength of American democracy.

The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules continuously to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Please adopt these common-sense "Alternative A" rules.

Mr. Steven Vogel

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Dr. Joan Sitomer

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Mrs. Kristin Young

There must be NO repeat of the 2016 election, in which fraudulent advertising on Facebook and other online vehicles -- much of which came from Russian sources -- played a major role in Donald Trump becoming president.

The purchasers of all political ads should be identified. Period.

Thank you.

Mr. Donald Harrison

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technology.

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rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your consideration!

LEStone

Ms. Lisa Stone

I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my vote!

Ms. Leslie Zieminski

To whom it may concern:

After the monstrous Russian hacking of our 2016 election, we need new rules to avoid this catastrophe in the future.

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Please protect our democracy!

Katherine Galagan

Dr. Katherine Galagan

Greetings,

Thank you for reading and considering my views.

I feel strongly the the FEC should be transparent. It's time to update the rules to keep up with technology.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Without transparency, we have no democracy.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A" applying the same disclosure rules that television, radio, print ads and online ads adhere to.

Respectfully,

Sarah

Ms. Sarah Nurnberger

We need to know who is trying to influence our elections, whether the entity is foreign or domestic. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep abreast of changing technology; if it fails in this core function, we can no longer realistically claim to be a democracy.

In the aftermath of an election influenced by ads paid for in rubles, it's ludicrous that the FEC does not require online platforms to adhere to the same rules that apply to print, tv and radio. Adopt Alternative A now.

Ms. Cathleen Kelly

I believe the FEC should update its technology to apply transparency rules for the benefit of our society. Alternative A which applies to radio and TV would be a good option.

Ms. Dawn Kimble

It is imperative that the FEC update its current transparency rules to keep abreast of the applications of new technology.
Please adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the FEC disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.
The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
Thank you.

Mr. Wayne Kelly

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Dr. Anne Hart

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that end

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technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure
rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Thanks for
your time and attention

Michael Garitty

I am leaving this comment to express my desire for fair and honest and open and protected elections - it's crucially important for our country.

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,
Judy in Petoskey

Ms. Judy Pelton

ONLINE CAMPAIGN ADS SHOULD INCLUDE DISCLOSURES AS TO WHO IS PAYING FOR THEM.

Mr. Thomas Singleton

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The need for this is overwhelming.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Pretty simple, so just get it done!

Ms. Natalie Blasco

We voters deserve to know who is trying to influence or manipulate our vote.

Transparency rules need to be revised to keep up with technological changes.

Alternative A should be adopted so ALL political advertisements should be required to reveal who is paying for the ads and who the major contributors are to the organizations paying for the ads.

Mr. James Scheid

Require online campaign ads to include disclaimers as to who is paying for them. We have a right to know and to be able to research those sources with which we are unfamiliar.

Mrs. Phylis Priebe

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Mrs. Emily van Alyne

If you take away the Internet, the only that will happen is that the rich will get richer, and the poor....

Mr. Guy Perkins

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Mr. Bob Hasselbrink

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. That's why, when a spender buys campaign ads, the law requires that they identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Walker, Esq.

Elizabeth Walker

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Ms. Joanna Kelly

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Dewey Morgan

I wish to understand who (either individuals, corporations, or other countries) is attempting to influence the public's views and voting patterns.

Therefore, it is extremely important the the FEC keep up with new technology: I am respectfully requesting that the FEC update it's transparency rules according to the latest technology.

Please adopt "Alternative A".

Thank you.

Cynthia White

We deserve to know who is influence our elections and legislation. Please support stricter campaign finance disclosure rules, for the sake of our democracy.

Mr. Kevin Kraft

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public. The last election has demonstrated how important it is to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. I urge you to adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mrs. Leslie Schenker

In support of our democracy the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

It's simple. Remember America? We - the people - support transparency in our democracy.

I am an American voter and I will vote in November 2018. I am a member of Indivisible Monterey Bay and this is important to me. THANK YOU.

Ms. Amber Archangel

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Mr. Jack Walker

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Thank you.

Mrs. Tammy Katz

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Ms. Briar Winters

I am writing because I think it is disgraceful that the FEC has not updated its antiquated transparency rules to keep up with new technology and a new world.

If the FEC is doing its job, it should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

It's bad enough that we have to be subjected to an endless barrage of campaign commercials on TV, radio, print ads and now online--the very least the FEC could do is hold them all to the same standard.

The American people have a right to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Please do your job.

Ms. Laur Hill

Dear Federal Elections Commission,

I am very disturbed that our government seems to be reflecting the voices of fewer and fewer of U.S. citizens due to the disproportionate influence of wealthy donors on election ads and on the campaigns of elected officials. The problem will only be truly resolved if we adopt campaign finance reform but in the interim it is imperative that viewers of election advertisements be aware of the source of these ads. Therefore I implore the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you,

Julie Bernstein

Dr. Julie Bernstein

Dear Federal Election Committee,

I am very concerned about Internet communications. I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my vote. I am accustomed to disclosure rules on TV, radio, print, and even phone calls -- so it is time for on-line ads to be added to this list. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. I believe the FEC should adopt "Alternative A." It is worrisome to me that the FEC is considering "Alternative B" which would not give the American people all the information that is their right to know. It makes me wonder what there is to hide, who wants this secrecy, and who might be influencing the FEC decision.

Thank you.

Martha Scoppa

After the dubious actions that occurred during the last election, I strongly believe that the FEC must ensure the American citizens are provided with clearly worded and transparent information. Anything else must be treated as fraud and be criminal!

Mr. Glenn Mooney

Please adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Kamran Pischevar

I am an ordinary citizen with no special access to information about the sources of information that I see on a computer screen. I only know what I see on the screen itself, AND it is very helpful if that information is in a readable typeface.

In any case, I call on you to update rules governing political advertising and require, in clear and ironclad terms, that the same rules that apply to TV, radio and print ads also apply to political advertising that is published electronically via the Internet.

I shouldn't have to be a seer to determine who is trying to influence me. Thank you very much for your attention to my concerns.

Ms. Nadine Godwin

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Mr. dace brown

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Too many wealthy people hide behind "non-profits" to give thousands or millions of dollars to candidate they own. This must stop!

Charlotte Pirch

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Mr. Alan Schwartz

Voters need to know who is paying for political ads because who funds, who has a vested interest in, and who controls the message is how voters can determine bias. Voters need to know The Who's going to benefit from the message contained: "dark money sponsors," vested interest PACs, a candidate's re-election committee, a political party, or small donors banding their resources. Voters need to know who's paying for political ads in order to help stop campaign funding abuses whether local, national, or foreign entities meddling in our elections.

Thank you.

Dr. Linda van der Wal

Our country needs to have well-informed voters. And voters need and want to understand who is behind the various on-line positions. This is required for print and video/audio media and should also be required for on-line media.

Ms. Mary Steele

2016 votes were hacked. 2018 voting season has begun. Please ensure that this year everyone who votes counts. Can you please make voting easier for everyone who wants to vote easier.

Ms. Jennifer Baratta

All online political ads **MUST** be treated in the very same way as political ads in print, on radio and on television. It is simple. Just do it.

I want to know who is trying to buy my vote.

Dr. Bruce Hlodnicki

We are losing our ability to be able to hear and see the truth, as so many things are labelled fake news. The Russians and probably others did influence the 2016 election.

Hopefully you can act to safeguard electoral process.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

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Mr. STEVE MORRELL

Democracy relies on a well-informed public. Americans need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing/reading as we judge whether or not to trust it. Thus the law requires that sponsors identify themselves in ads as having paid for the ads -- with similar requirements for TV, radio, and print advertising.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A" to apply the same requirements to online ads that already apply to TV, radio, and print ads.

Mrs. Elizabeth Songalia

reprehensible. disgraceful, malicious, malevolent
pernicious...counterintuitive

a.f. shayne

The Russians DID hack our election and DID hack the DNC and RNC and DID put out political ads on the internet without identifying themselves and the Russians are NOT our friend and

I DEMAND to know WHO is putting political ads out.

UPDATE your transparency rules! Make them the same or BETTER than the ones for radio and TV.

You are the Federal Election Commission. Get it TOGETHER. I and others should not even have to write something like this! JC on a crutch, what is the matter with you??

This "Alternative A" sounds pretty good. Adopt it.

Ms. Christine Hanson

With all of the corruption in the Trump presidency and the Republican Congress, the public must know the sources of the funding for these politicians!

Dr. Laddie Mills

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Full disclosure is the only way we will have anything close to a democracy left.

Mr. Larry Kimball

In order to protect our elections, it is essential that campaign advertisement disclosure rules take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising such as television and print ads. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Internet campaign ads should, without exception, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rule should be in place for as much of the 2018 election cycle as possible. Secret money ads and Russian meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in upcoming midterms. Indeed, these ads have already started gaining traction on social media platforms in 2018.

Ms. K. Feilmeyer

Most Americans are getting their news from the internet. We NEED to KNOW who is sending political ads and messages to verify content. I do not want a repeat of 2016 with ads from foreign governments.

Penelope Sweeting

A first step away from a democracy is limiting the knowledge that citizens have.

Let's NOT let this happen to us.

Despite Mr. Pruitt's arrogant play to limit information, to limit information is a very bad idea, with long term disadvantageous consequences.

We don't want to end up yellow, another banana "republic".

Maureen M. Plimier

Mrs. M PLIMIER

We should have the right, & the ability to know who is influencing our elections, & policies, and to what extent.

Mr. Karl Hamann

Our U.S. federal elections are being seriously compromised. Everything possible must be done to ensure that elections are carried out exactly as required by law and with no interference. One way is to make sure that they are as transparent as possible, always protecting voter identity, of course.

The Pandora's Box was opened with the Citizen's United decision, arguably the worst decision ever made by our august Supreme Court. We should ultimately reverse that decision, but in the meantime all large donations and media purchases should be completely transparent in order that voters can see who is funding various advertisements and other media communications relating to both candidates and issues.

I believe that our elections themselves at the local level, especially in my home state of Colorado, are being handled responsibly and fairly. The problem is with media: social media, print and television and radio advertisements. In recent elections they have been increasingly nasty and irresponsible, and we often do not know the source.

This can be remedied by rules and regulations governing all such messages, whether by the FEC or the Congress. This would go a long way toward fairer elections, with voters much more confident in their voting choices.

Mrs. Robin M Baer

Adopt Alternative A. We need much heightened transparency.

Dr. lorraine hartmann

Please reconsider the Internet neutrality rules. Not only is transparency important, but there is much business being conducted on the Internet and if we can't trust that the information given is accurate and verifiable why would we want to use this device or pursue any commerce via the Internet. It will level the playing field and make it easier for folks to share their information.

Molly Huddleston

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Jonathan Boyne

I am an American citizen, registered to vote, and I vote.

I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and my votes.

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Mr. Michael Longpockets

To whom it may concern,

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. This will help move us into the 21st century.

Mr. Michael Sprague

It is important that our elections are transparent. The online world needs to be as transparent as mass media.

James Stuhlmacher

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Mr. Jared Brenner

The 2017 elections were rigged because of Russian Oligarchs and Big corporations spending huge amounts of money running ads to effect the voting. The Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate. but The FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, the bipartisan outrage at Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy gives us a real opportunity for action. It is time for the FEC to update the disclosure rules to improve transparency in who is spending money and how they are spending it. Propose new rules that would clarify how many of the same disclosure rules as TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads.

The American people deserve to have elections free from propaganda put forth by other governments and Ginormous corporations.

Mr. mike turner

We deserve the right to know exactly who is trying to influence our elections. We need transparency!

Mr. Damon Mills

We have seen numerous examples of totally fabricated statements being passed as the truth. If we are to be responsible citizens, we **MUST** know as much as possible about who is telling us what and why.

Mr. Jan Novak

Americans need and DESERVE to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. It is simple logic to do so when an ever-increasing amount of communication and advertising is online.

The FEC must review and update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Otherwise, it becomes irrelevant.....what?s the point of an FEC if it can?t or won?t keep up!?

It becomes a tool of those who want to influence our views and seek to control our democracy no matter what country they live in.

Ms. Jacquelyn Griffith

The SCOTUS decision in CITIZENS UNITED was judicial gerrymandering. Speech cannot be equated with wealth, because for over 400 years a segment of society accrued wealth, at the expense of a segment of society that **COULD NOT LEGALLY ACCRUE WEALTH**. Thus voting should be based on one man one vote, not who has or does not have wealth.

Charles mahone

Thank you for this opportunity to address you.

I think we as citizens need to know whom is trying to influence our thinking.

Transparency rules hopefully will keep up with advancing technology!

Lastly, we hope the FEC adopts the Alternative A disclosure rules.

Thanks again for this opportunity to share my convictions.

jean mckay

Please keep the Internet Neutral so I can continue to use it as I have since its inception.

Dr. Martha W D Bushnell

Online political advertising should be at least as transparent as political advertising on billboards, radio, TV and print sources. Please apply the same disclosure rules to online political advertising.

Pamela Tellew

I urge the FEC to adopt "Alternative A" to apply the same disclosure rules for online political ads that are now in place for ads on TV and radio and in print. This updating of your transparency rules would help you stay abreast of technological changes and help you keep Americans aware of who is attempting to influence their views and votes.

Roger Overholt

In the 2016 election, 65% 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%) want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms (according to a new Marist poll).

That includes 80% of Republicans and 82% 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.

Ms. Caitlyn Geist

We need transparency in our Federal Elections

Mr. Russell Novkov

Alternative A, YES!

Transparency, YES!

Public airwaves belong to the public.

Ms. Ellen Koivisto

America IS AMERICA because it is a Democracy.

Elections "Execute" the Democratic Process, the essence of America itself.

District Political Distortion (Gerrymandering), Funding of Campaigns by Individuals and other entities for political purposes, and Exclusionary Voting Requirements SUBVERT Democracy.

Our Election Process is PRECIOUS because it is HOW America is a Democracy.

Mr. Dan Quill

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Erma Lewis

Please hear me!

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Sincerely,
Camille Baker

Mrs. Camille Baker

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Ms. Kathy Heid

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Kathleen Blanning

I have a disorder that keeps me at home. With my pc, though, I am able to tend to business online, create art - my 'thing', and have some kind of social life. Being shut off from others, I can barely function. I rely on others to help me.

As things are currently, I cannot afford to pay any form of additional fee just to keep things as they are for me, now. To lose my internet will put an extreme hardship on me, as I am disabled. I do not want to see any changes made to the internet as we have known it thus far. It is not anyone's web, it's EVERYONE'S!

Don't be greedy by trying try to steal the internet from EVERYONE!

Thank you,

Sussan Hall

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Derek Benedict

I only have 3 basic points to communicate to you and there are as follows:

- 1.) We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
- 2.) The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
- 3.) The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Fromer

Mr. Robert Fromer

Since Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes in every setting, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the same disclosure rules already in place for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads also. Our developing communication technology requires this upgrade.

Ms. Barbara Wojciak

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Janelle Murphy

Every effort needs to be made to make our elections fair. To do so, advertising must disclose those who provided the money to pay for it. This should not allow generic things like, "People for America," or "America's Friend PAC," that has no history of work in America, but is set up for the purpose of backing a particular candidate. All contributors should be in some database that can be shared through a FOIA request or by some other means. These restrictions should apply to television, radio, and internet advertising, but, in addition, to any source of advertising I cannot think of.

In addition, voting procedures should provide a paper trail, so there is a very easy method to recount, and ballots should not be destroyed early (they should be saved at least for four years). No foreign money should be allowed to enter the electoral process, either.

I want so very much to trust the voting results I hear every election night.

Mr. Robert Brown

All ads should reveal their funding source. Whenever someone quotes a study, the first thing you should do is ask "who funded the research?" This information should remain long enough for a person to read it and not flashed so fast that one has to ask "what was that?"

Mr. Dave Kisor

I am concerned that the FCC is considering weakening the laws requiring disclosure of the person or ?? who is paying for political ads. Based upon abuses in the the 2016 election, these laws should be strengthened, not weakened.

Consider that...

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. (which makes sense, because online ads are more difficult to monitor).

Thank you,
Bruce Allen

Mr. Bruce Allen

Unless we know who is posting political ads, we have no way to control our democracy. And people will soon lose all faith in elections and be open to extremists like Hitler.

Dr. Peggy Wireman

We need to make sure that our votes count and are not biased by foreign entities that are trying to sway our country to be more like them. Our elections should be kept secure and foster our civic responsibility by encouraging all of us to vote that are registered to vote and not punishing us or discouraging us to turn up at the polls.

Ms. Kanwaldeep Sekhon

Our democracy relies on a well-informed public -- and we need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jennifer Sobol

I support the proposal that ads should be labelled with the person, company, PAC or country that is paying for the ad. We need greater transparency to combat the influence of foreign players on our elections.

Ms. Margaret Sellers

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.

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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.

Ms. Mara Sabinson

I support transparency in our democracy, and we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

American citizens should know who is funding political advertising.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online and Facebook ads.

Mr. Jeff Rose

I strongly urge the FEC to apply the same disclosure regulations to the internet as are currently applied to TV, radio and print. There's no logical reason to deny the public this information. Given the outsized influence the internet has on elections, updating this regulation to include the internet is the only reasonable course of action.

Ms. Linda Ward

Dear Sir, Madam:

My husband and I are writing to express our views and votes in support of transparency for our democracy. Specifically, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. To this end, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The most reasonable way to do this is the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

In summary, new rules by the FEC won't solve every problem -- and will not be a substitute for action by Congress, like passing the Honest Ads Act to require full transparency for online ads. However, updating the disclosure rules would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know.

PLEASE TAKE THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST, HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AMERICANS AND ADOPT "ALTERNATIVE A".

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino
Tucson, AZ

Dr. Mary Ann and Mr. Frank Graffagnino

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Dr. Beth Lyons

Your fellow Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for taking the "People's" point of view into consideration.

Mrs. Pamela Gross

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Additionally, theFEC should adopt the same disclosure rules for TV, radio, and print ads for online political ads.

Ms. Traci Turner

It is completely unfair, unequal, and morally reprehensible for our democracy to be up for sale to the highest bidder. That's exactly the effect of dark money in our electoral system. We **MUST NOT SELL OUR DEMOCRACY OUT!!!**

Ms. D.Kristen Herrington

Please keep net neutrality. The arguments against it might make sense if there was a healthy internet service market, but there is not. There are one set of pipes that each household has and only 1 local ISP, 2 if they're lucky. It's not fair to allow these monopolistic ISPs to pick winners and losers in the internet content marketplace. Without net neutrality, ISPs can limit the amount of bandwidth or total amount of data transferred, while artificially allowing certain companies (sometimes their own) and services to bypass limits.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. John Hundley

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. In addition, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jillian Sang

I think online ads should declare who paid for them. Very transparent.

Ellen Schellhause

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

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Mr. James Kirks

Open, fair, accessible elections is what my family has fought for. With out easy accessible elections people no longer feel they have a stake in our country and we will rot form the inside. Election opportunities needs to be expanded not limited. Only when people have buy in and can participate in open free and fair elections will we met our mandate as a country.

Thank You,
Kelsey Hickok

Ms. Kelsey Hickok

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Barbara Harper

The idea that unknown groups, individuals and even nation states are pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into the noise machine our electoral process has become is unconscionable. The BEST solution is publicly funded elections. But until then, we at the very LEAST deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. This is especially critical in the rising tide of information overload we find ourselves drowning in today. If you want to add to the din, you should at least be reuquired ot own what you say.

As a bare minimum, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. James Bengel

We Democrats deserve to know who is trying to influence our views & our VOTE. Reg 2011-02 Internet Communication Disclaimers. Disclosure rules should be for public knowledge.

Ms. Sandra Sarry

For a healthy democracy, transparency is vital. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views.

New technology requires updated rules to prevent dangers to our democracy. The FCC should adopt the same disclosure rules which we have for TV, radio and print ads for online ads. More and more citizens get information from online media. The FCC needs to move with the times.

Thank you.

Dorothy Wiseman

My wife and I support the proposed rule making to require disclaimers for essentially all Internet political advertising. This is critically important to bring rules governing such ads up to date with the reality of internet use in our political election process.

In addition, we support Alternative A (rather than Alternative B) for these rules.

Guy Jamesson

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Ms. Nicole Dambrun

The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology, and adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Ashlyn Remmert

There is no place in the electoral process for anonymous parties attempting to influence voters. This was made perfectly clear in the 2016 election where other nations illegally attempted to influence voters. In addition,

Americans with great wealth and extremist views have spent millions and millions of dollars on social research to "normalize" their views to influence a larger audience of voters. The only solution to these threats to our democracy is to insure that the "owners" of the messages take public and immediate ownership of their messages.

Alternative A is the correct way to make this happen and to protect US citizens from well funded but secret attacks on democracy.

The FEC has a fiduciary responsibility to make sure that even electioneering done with the most current technology complies with the rules. Otherwise, there is a giant loophole at the leading edge of electioneering.

Pierrette N. Chabot
Orford, NH 03777

Ms. Pierrette Chabot

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Please make sure the American public knows who is trying to influence them. It's only fair.

Ms. Robin Patten

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Ms. Gretchen Boise

There is a tradition in America that speakers and advertisers are expected to reveal who or what they are advocating for.

Misleading names and concealed identities are betrayals of that tradition.

Yes, it has been abused but that is no reason not to take effective action.

Clear definitions of who is speaking and for what cause, or government, should be required to the point that it should only take an average person one or two seconds to understand the implicit bias or position being advocated.

Anything less is legitimizing lying to the public about the matters of fact and material effect.

Bruce Wade

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Politics in the US should never have outside influences. It?s disruptive to our democracy and it weakens us as a nation. It?s a shame that this topic should even be mentioned in the US.

Sean Mooney

Every effort should be made to ensure everyone eligible to vote has the easiest time possible doing so. If voters cannot physically go to the polls they should get mail-in ballots or have access to online voting. Systems must be secure and meddling by other countries and the corrupt within our own prevented.

ALL campaign contributions must be transparent and we should be able to see where every dollar came from. Corporations should be prohibited from contributing to campaigns directly or indirectly. The majority of our current politicians are bought and paid for. That needs to change before this country can get back on track.

Mr. Rob Abromavage

It should go without saying that in a free and open Democracy, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, especially since we now know it just happened.

Since it was so easy for our enemies to do this, obviously The FEC has to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

At the very least, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Dan Matthews

The whole point of disseminating information is to create an informed electorate. The more sponsors names, etc., are concealed, the less we the electorate can make an informed decision. Please go for maximum transparency to ordinary people like me.

Mary Ann Fleming

Over the past few years we have learned of foreign governments trying to influence our elections, partially through on-line advertisements and to deliberately sow discord among groups of U.S. citizens in order to destabilize our country and sabotage our Democratic system. This latter effort has partially lead to high partisan politics that is currently making harder and harder for the two parties to find common ground in legislation and thus effectively paralyzing the legislative process. Given, this information, it is critical that all on-line advertisements indicate the source of the funding for the purchase of that advertising space. We require on all political advertising on other media such as print, radio and television. There is, therefore, no reason why this requirement also be required for all on-line advertising. Given, what we now know about how foreign countries have used this advertising to the detriment of our country, there is also no legitimate reason for opposing this requirement.

Mr. Thomas H Pritchett

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

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Ms. Elziabeth ODear

? The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

? Doesn't it just make sense that the FEC would update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology?

? As an American citizen and voter I urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too

Thank you for your transparent service to all American citizens.

Mr. Morgan Koch

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes and the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Also, FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your time on this issue.

Ms. Diana Brunswig-Bosso

Political ads in print and on TV and radio are already subject to disclosure rules. Why should online ads not be subject to the same requirements? The American people have a right to know just who is trying to sway their opinions, whatever the medium.

Mr. Sean Cleary

Please keep the internet open and accessible to all.

Ms. Debra Wile

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Mr. John Wiles

Americans want to make an intelligent decision when voting. In order to do this, we must be informed on all levels. It is inappropriate for politicians to not disclose where their financial donations are coming from. The Democrats have taken a step to help the voters by not taking money from big PACs. And the results are showing. The time has come that the American people are really starting to pay attention who represents them in government. The American people are realizing that big money is dictating which way the Congress or Senate will vote, i.e., big pharma. This only hurts the American people and it must stop.

Ms. Anita Sutton

Over the past several years, foreign nationals, foreign companies, and parties unknown have been placing advertisements on internet sites to influence the direction and results of U.S. elections. This is not legal when done via printed media, television and radio.

Online media have become a major conduit for advertising, and the Federal Elections Commission must update its transparency rules to catch up to new technology. Please adopt "Alternative A", which would apply to on-line ads the disclosure rules which currently apply to printed media, television and radio.

Rick Simkin

As a tax paying citizen I deserve to know who is trying to influence my views and vote.

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with the latest technology.

Adopt an Alternative A which would apply the disclosure rules for TV, radio and print ads to online ads as well

Ms. Amber Wynn

I feel strongly that the FEC needs to revise the rules governing disclosure. The Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate. In my opinion the FEC has the obligation to keep up with this revolution. I am very upset at the information that is coming out regarding the misuse of the internet during the 2016 elections. Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. I urge you to update your transparency rules to keep up with new technology, and to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

It is time to stand up for America, and that means standing up for the rights of American citizens.

Thank you.

Mr. michael duffek

I want to know who is working to influence me to vote a certain way so the i can make an intelligent decision about the candidate/issue.

To that end, the FEC needs to make certain that the party, individual, or group responsible for the advertising is made clear, not just in TV and print ads but in all forms of media and social networks.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Andrew Gallatin

I have been gravely concerned about the transparency of our elected officials, their assaults on our democracy and the probability of Russian collusion during the 2016 presidential election. With all the talk of "fake news" and satirical memes on social media, I'm beginning to expend a lot of energy skimming over anything I read on the internet and social media with a fine tooth comb to check and cross check facts, opinions and downright lies. All Americans deserve to know the truth, which means we have a right to know who is influencing our views and our votes. With the 2018 mid term elections looming, it will be more imperative than ever for the FEC to update it's transparency rules to keep up with new technology and for them to adopt "Alternative A", which would apply the disclosure rules which are in existence for TV, radio, print ads and online adds too. While addressing these issues won't resolve the transparency problem entirely, it would at least be a step in the right direction to protect Americans' right to know the truth.

Mr. Noel Barnes

Enough of all the egregious, heinous actions coming from the White House and his posse. Protect our vote from these outsiders. Protect us from the criminals in the White House.

Ms. Sara Hayes

FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Ms. Sylvia De Baca

I am writing to demand transparency in regard to our elections. Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our votes.

The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology, they should also adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Michael Madden

We have a right to know who is paying for political advertising. I support the strongest laws for transparency in political funding and advertising.

Scott Nepple

As a veteran, I believe that we have the right to know who it paying for the political ads we see. Transparency makes democracy work. Thanks

Mr. Al Roesch

US intelligence agencies have documented that Russian operatives tried to influence our last Presidential election. No one can prove that these influences did not sway the election in favor Donald Trump. It is certainly possible that the Russian activities were successful.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our elections. I believe the FEC should adopt Alternative A and require that disclosure rules be adopted for the internet that match those for TV, Radio and Print advertising.

Mr. Mark Hopkins

Our elections need to be fair, transparent, and verifiable. To ensure this outcome, all political ads - campaign ads for specific candidates and issue-based advocacy ads - need to have a disclaimer stating who paid for this advertising. This will allow the American public to know who is behind what message, allowing the electorate to better assess the information being provided.

Technology has changed dramatically in the last five years - our election rules need to be updated to reflect the current and future technology platforms. The internet is now a major source of information for the majority of Americans, so the internet needs to be held to the same standards as TV, radio and print information streams. Regardless of the platform (social media, digital arm of mainstream media, or private or independent websites), all election ads need to be consistent and accountable.

For this reason, I advocate for the FEC to adopt Alternative A to bring consistency and transparency to online election advertising.

Dr. Jessica VanHook

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Alex A. Bobroff

It is imperative that we protect our democracy from external interference and internal tampering. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Laura Horowitz

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Elizabeth Watts

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Sarah Stewart

Please make the internet political ads display their source of funding. This disclosure is important and healthy for our democracy.

Linda Westrick

I am writing to state I believe we should have disclosures of internet ads like ads on other public media. We should be able to easily identify such necessary information.

Ms. Leann Turley

Knowing who is trying to influence our views and votes is crucial information in order for voters to be able to make informed decisions. Current transparency rules account for this when it comes to traditional media such as print, TV, and radio ads. However, newer technology isn't adequately covered by these rules, and it's time for the FEC to update its rules accordingly. Voters need transparency when it comes to online ads, too, and for that reason I strongly urge the FEC to adopt Alternative A.

Ms. Anne Crowell

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, especially in the wake of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision. There are so many pressure points for American democracy now because of the influx of campaign donations and the advent of new internet technologies. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology in order to make certain political candidates, donors and PACs and interest groups are following both the laws and the spirit in which they were written.

Finally, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Given the prevalence of internet political messaging, it is only logical that the standards and laws be updated to reflect the evolution of political advertising.

Mr. John Miller

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals to amend FEC regulations concerning disclaimers on public communications on the internet that contain express advocacy, solicit contributions, or are made by political committees.

I believe that citizens are entitled to know who is trying to influence our votes, particularly in light of revelations about Russia's insidious meddling in the 2016 election. It is time to update regulations to reflect the current realities of internet use, and disclaimer requirements for online ads should be strengthened. Internet ads that expressly advocate for candidates or that solicit political donations must state who paid for the ad and whether it was authorized by a candidate.

The rules concerning online political ads remain woefully behind the sensible standards we apply to political ads on TV and other media. I believe that the full disclaimer requirements that apply to radio and TV political ads should apply to internet ads with audio or video components and current print disclaimers should apply to graphics and text in internet ads. And, we should allow some smaller communications, such as banner ads, to satisfy the disclosure requirement through an "adapted disclaimer."

Furthermore, I think we should expand the definition of public communication to cover significant expenditures on messages posted to the web for free.

Our current laws are not adequate to deal with the threats we face from adversaries who are trying to weaken our democracy. These actions will help to keep foreign money out of our elections.
Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Pam Magidson

The Russian trolls responsible for Trump stealing Hillary Clinton's election should all be in jail!

Ms. Francine Piatigorski

I believe that a proposed rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them is essential in this day, look at who we now have running our country, what a freaking mistake! "This is in direct response to the onslaught of fake news and dark money ads run on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign."

Mrs. MARY ROJESKI

The video "Secrets Police Don't Want You To Know" at <http://youtu.be/B3nok7Cby28> is 2.5 hours long but it's totally worth your time to watch the whole entire thing because it exposes how the cops, judges, prosecution attorneys, politicians, and car insurance salesmen have stolen BILLIONS from the common people as well as the secrets that anyone can follow to prevent them from stealing that money. Also check out the scripts related to the video at <http://logoradionetwork.com/tao/> This video can help put a stop to tyranny and in turn bring freedom and higher consciousness to all! So please help me in my crusade to spread this info like wildfire on a global scale.

Mr. Andrew Fisher

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Sara Katz

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our elections. Ads placed online should be subject to the same rules and conditions as ads placed in print and broadcast media. Transparency that keeps up with technological advances should be the goal you are working toward to protect us, the American citizenry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ms. Joyce Statland

Please do not allow the purchase of our democracy. Rich and poor need equal representation! All donations to political action or campaign organizations must be transparent and limited. Protect what our forefathers fought for!

Mr. Larry Hannon

Citizens should know who is behind political election ads and paying for them! We need to protect our election integrity with transparency. Foreign citizens should not be allowed to contribute money to candidates or to submit and/or pay for political advertisements. Thank you.

Mr. James Castellan

More transparency would be great! Thank you!

Mr. George Clarke

I call on the FEC to act immediately to update regulations and require online political ads to include disclaimers identifying who paid for them. The current rules, which still include references to telegrams and typewriters, don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads. It is critical for an informed electorate to know who is exactly advertising and to judge the source of the ads in context.

Mr. Paul Haggard

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Lance Koch

Without transparency we don't have democracy!

Mr. Joe Dunn

In the almost fifty years that I have been voting in US elections, I have become more and more suspicious of what I was being told by political interest groups. It has gotten to the point where I DO NOT BELIEVE what I see in TV ads at all and I always look at the fine print in anything I am mailed. I will frequently vote AGAINST Often, how I vote is determined by whose money is behind the campaign.

Virginia Madsen

We need more transparency online! We need to know who is trying to influence us. We can only know this if there are rules about disclosure. The fairness of our elections depends on this transparency! "Alternative A" is a very reasonable solution! Why not apply the same standards that we use for TV, radio and print ads?

Ms. Dorothy Frisch

I ask you to adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Why must the people of this country have to beg for commonsense rulings that pertain to our right to know who is trying to influence us. That's what a democracy is; each person having the right to information to make informed decisions, not plutocrats telling us what they think is best for us as if we are too stupid to make decisions for ourselves.

Ms. Marlena Lange

We already know that anonymous political advertising on our airwaves damages our democracy. It is obvious that online advertising carries the same risks. Please ensure that all advertising reflects very clearly its source.

Dr. John Haresch

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. winn wilson

As a concerned citizen, I would like to support for updated FEC rules and increased transparency in political advertising.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Unfortunately, it appears many Facebook users didn't and were unduly influenced while simply using social media. It's clear that we more transparency at every level in regards to who is buying and supporting political advertisements. The idea that any of these rules should be weakened just because the advertisements appear online is ridiculous.

The FEC hasn't updated their rules in years and the debacle with Facebook and Cambridge Analytica is a prime example of what happens when regulation doesn't keep up with innovation. We don't just need to strengthen our already existing FEC rules but add new ones that reflect our changing technologies.

I urge the FEC to adopt Alternative A, which would require online ads to follow the same disclosure rules that are currently in place for TV, radio and print. As more and more citizens utilize the internet for news and social media, it makes little sense to act as if online advertisements are in any way less capable of influencing opinion as other forms of political advertising. if that were the case, Russia wouldn't have spent billions of dollars to influence our last Presidential election.

It's time for the FEC to join the 21st century and protect our citizens from fraudulent political ads online.

Ms. Michelle Mitchell

I support Alternative A.. we need to protect our media and access to information so that we have a fighting chance to make educated decisions.

Dr. HOWARD HOMLER

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Ms. Shoshanah Stone

Preserving our democracy is the great challenge of our times. When misleading ads and content on the internet determine how people vote, our democracy becomes a sham. I call on you to require that all political ads reveal the organization(s) behind them. We have already seen one Presidential election corrupted by the influence of misleading ads and "fake news". I urge you to act so that this never happens again.

shyama Orum

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Ms. Amy Watrous

The voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Current rules are years out of date.

The FEC should apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Nancy Goldberg

I support of transparency for our democracy. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Also, it should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Jacqueline Birnbaum

To Whom It May Concern,

Please help me to consider the following:

- We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
- The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
- The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kim Tran

Kim Tran

Transparency is crucial to democracy. I am part of a group of people who is collecting info on how much developers contribute to candidates. This is just an example of the transparency voters need to hear about before elections. The same applies to every part of government, including the FEC.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Molly Hauck

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Mr. William Boscic

I would like to reiterate that an ad is an ad. We no longer teach critical thinking in schools and folks tend to believe what they see and read--if they trust the source.

But how do people know whether to trust? We need to know who is paying for the ad. 'Follow the money'. When we know which entity is paying for the ads we read and hear, we can know who is influencing the content.

There is no reason to embrace technology yet not change our ways of doing business as we change our ways of communicating.

I encourage you to apply the same transparency rules to digital ads as have already been appropriate for print ads.

Ms. Janet Ievins

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Peter Gradoni

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. I believe to accomplish this the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. And that the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Art Sheldon

To Whom It May Concern:

I expect the highest standards of the FEC in support of transparency for our democracy.

We the people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Ms. Margaret Haas

I don't believe corporations should be able to hide behind their money. We need transparency rules for the internet. I have a right to know who is trying to sway my vote.

Ms. Julia Goode

For an actual democracy for the people and by the people every citizen **DESERVES** to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. It **SHOULD BE** common sense for a Federal agency to be clear and open about who, what, and from where any sort of transmissions made with a political motive to be labeled **JUST** as we disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.
Please do not muddy the waters further and adopt "Alternative A."

Ms. Amanda Rewinkel

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.

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2. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Virginia Davis

We need all transparency in our government.

Mr. michael Mcgee

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

How can I make an informed vote if I don't know who is supporting or opposing the issue?

Ann Wasgatt

I believe very strongly that political messages should be transparent as to their origins. I have on multiple issues (not only online but also in physical mailers) encountered adds that make all sorts of outlandish claims and when I tried to investigate them, found some specially founded PAC or other political body whose identities are protected by misleading names. The manipulation of our democracy by shady well-funded entities making outlandish claims not backed up by truth or even evidence has gotten wholly out of hand. Please support transparency in political speech in all of its forms.

Dr. Johnathan Farris

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Tika Bordelon

The commission is not doing its job and is so behind the times that it appears to be on purpose. I want to know who is behind the hate money. I want to know when Putin has turned Trump into a puppet. This democracy is in peril and you are asleep at the wheel

William Shields

American citizens deserve to know who is trying to influence them and their votes. Please apply the same disclosure requirements to newer media (i.e. online ads) that is required for TV, radio, and print sources of political advertising.

Ms. Joan Chryst

To Whom it May concern,

It is unconscionable that a foreign entity impacted the elections of our nation. If the United States can not protect the integrity of our elections then our Democracy, our Republic is already lost. It is proven fact the Russian government swayed our Presidential elections in 2016. Now, the Trump administration is doing little to nothing to protect the mid terms in 2018. I implore you to enact every and all protections and precautions to keep our elections free from foreign, domestic, external and internal influences.

Thank You,
Jon Hager
Riverton, Utah

Mr. Jon Hager

We deserve to know who is trying to sway our votes, who is sending us the messages we see relating to our elections, and to have the information we need to scrutinize politicized messages.

Today, the internet is more important to daily life than ever before and is a major way people access news/information. It is a major hub for ads and for political campaign messaging. TVs, newspapers, and print journalism are fast being eclipsed by the online sphere of influence.

Why, then, are online ads any less regulated and scrutinized than ads in other mediums? They are arguably more visible and more likely to be seen, and are easier to spread through retweeting/forwarding/sharing/liking. They need to be put under the microscope just like any other ad type would be, and need to be thoroughly checked/clearly labeled with the identity of the ad's producer before they can send us messages that may impact the outcomes of our elections. Companies like Facebook, Twitter, Google, etc. cannot be trusted to handle this process of vetting and identifying on their own as they have a vested interest in taking ad revenue and asking questions later. Thus, there needs to be regulation imposed onto them by the government to ensure they properly vet and ID ads prior to election controversies and not after it's too late to do anything about the results or political damage.

Please consider strong regulations that would ensure the ads we see during elections are properly vetted and are transparent.

Megan Wilson

For online political adds, I want to know who pays for it just like TV political adds do.

Mr. William Maynard

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes, so the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. You need to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Edward Perrin

For democracy to thrive, there must also be transparency! The free flow of information, including the source of the information, is the life blood of liberty.

Ms. Elizabeth Hinds

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Sandy Commons

Network neutrality is a big reason there has been so much innovation on the internet over the last two decades. Network neutrality keeps the barriers to entry for new websites and internet applications low. That freedom has allowed the creation of untold numbers of innovative online services such as Google, Twitter, Netflix, Amazon, Skype, and more.

Without net neutrality, the internet would become less hospitable to new companies and innovative ideas. Incumbent broadband providers could deliberately hobble new services that represent a competitive threat to those providers' own products. For example, telephone companies might be tempted to interfere with internet telephony services such as Skype that compete with traditional phone service. Cable companies might want to slow down services such as Netflix that compete with their paid television service.

Mr. Jeffrey West

The general public needs all the help they can get since ignorance, and prejudice seem to abound at this time. Helping the public to determine the purpose and beneficiary behind any political adds can only improve the possibility that the people of the U.S. will, through transparency, elect a representative of the people and not a foreign entity or corporation.

Mrs. Joan Good

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.

And do it now.

Ms. Sherrill Futrell

I think Facebook should not have any political ads at all. It is too difficult to ascertain the origin of these ads or verify the content. People are certainly able to discuss their political views on Facebook, but no political ads should not be permitted.

Mrs. Beverly Antonio

The public should know know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Patty Linder

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

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Thank you for your kind attention,

Dr. Sharon Paltin

Regarding REG 2011-02:

The public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. It's bad enough that legislative influence can be bought with dark money campaign contributions. A lack of transparency in election advertising has already come with dire consequences.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Joseph Wiesner

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Doing so would safeguard our democracy; doing otherwise may do irreparable damage.

Mr. Michael Olcsvary

All Americans need to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Americans need the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. It only makes sense that all media have the same disclosure regulations, therefore the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Ms. Janet Parkins

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Please don't weaken requirements for election advertising. Please strengthen them.

Mr. James Deshotels

We need transparency more than ever before. Therefore:

1. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
2. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
3. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Please listen to those of us who will be impacted, NOT industry special interests.

Vickie Woo

1. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.
2. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.
3. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Greg Jameson

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Further, the FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Thomas Lyles

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. David Bryan

Political ads on radio and tv must disclose who sponsored and paid for them. Why are social communications media such as Facebook and Twitter (that are seen by millions more people on a daily basis than than private news and entertainment media) apparently exempt from this logical standard of transparency?

The onslaught of fake news and dark money ads run on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign probably had negative consequences relative to the success of numerous candidates running for office. Why not diminish this problem (or eliminate it entirely) by passing legislation that assures ALL candidates that their messages are consistent with reality and the views of their constituents?

Ms. Mary Alice Lo Cicero

I think it is very important that the FEC update its transparency rules in order to keep up with new and evolving technology. We the people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. I think the FEC should apply the same disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads by adopting ?Alternative A.? Thank you.

Ms. J Blagen

An open and free internet is important and necessary for all Americans.
It's time to put people first and not corporate corruption and greed.

Mr. Nick Gaetano

We must have transparency on all political donations done through any method. Our politicians are elected to represent us; their constituents. Not to represent special interests.

Ms. Mauri Waisman

The public has a right to know who is trying to influence our views and votes so the FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

I support Alternative A and hope that the FEC adopts it so that the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads would also apply to online ads.

Thank you.

Ms. Gayle Janzen

All constituents deserve transparency of each and every candidate.

Ms. Jennifer Menard

Transparency is the cornerstone of Democracy and Justice.

? We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

? The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

? The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Sincerely,

Reverend David Finks, J.D.

Mr. Rev. David Finks, JD

This is to urge the FEC to adopt "Alternative A" in updating transparency rules to keep up with technology. It would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mrs. Linda Quinet

adopt Alternative A

Mr. danny smith

I am submitting a comment to the FEC regarding online ads. Enlight of so many fake ads during last years Presidential election, most prevalently on social media, I am asking for a rule change. I want to know who PAID for the ad. The person, the organization, the political affiliation. Consider this important change today.

Ms. Melissa Barnard

We need to be able to evaluate the source of information we're hearing as we judge whether or not to trust it. This is why the law requires that those buying campaign ads identify themselves in the ad as having paid for it -- with similar requirements for TV, radio and print advertising.

As citizens, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thanks,
Dan Morgan

Mr. Dan Morgan

The FEC has not kept pace with modern technology. The Internet has completely changed how we communicate in the US, but the FEC has not updated its disclosure rules in years. More and more, people are getting their information from electronic media sources rather than the older communications channels such as newspapers, television, and radio. The American people need and deserve to know who is trying to influence our opinions and our votes. I urge the FEC to adopt "Alternative A", which would apply the disclosure rules already in place for television, radio, and print ads to online ads as well. Thank you.

Holly Stuart

Transparency and disclosure in advertising are essential for our democracy, so please apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well by adopting ?Alternative A?.

Michael Brackney

Transparency is essential in the democratic process. We must know who is attempting to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A", which would apply disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads also.

Karen Mallam

My tablet into the Internet is my window on the world. As I'm 77 and can't get around much anymore on my tiny pension, I get my entertainment there too. When my memory slips in spite of my hi IQ, I immediately Google the closest concept words in order to get that word back ASAP, preventing panic and repairing my mental factoid collection. Don't steal my mental freedom!

Ms. Carolyn Jane Gillis

Voting citizens want to know!

Mr. Michael Lawler

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The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Ann Diamond

**I URGE YOU TO TAKE STRONG ACTION IN SUPPORT OF
TRANSPARENCY FOR OUR DEMOCRACY.**

There are too many risks to our democracy to take this lightly - and this has become a crisis that must be faced head on, with the FEC insitituting all available means of protection.

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Mr. Chuck Gumas

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The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. Michael Seager

To the FEC:

I am appalled how our elections in 2016 were compromised. I am deeply worried that our democracy is being controlled by a foreign power. We must have more transparency in who is paying for what on social media. Europe has regulations over social media platforms and we need to follow suit . This is a bigger issue than just controlling a private industry. This effect our way of life and where we are as a country. Please listen !

Mrs. Lizbeth Giletto

I am asking the FEC to make the necessary changes immediately to online political ads.

They need to all clearly state who paid for the ad.

Ms. Beth Fischer

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Ms. SYLVANA ARGUELLO

FEC regulations should be consistent across the board, whether for print, radio, TV, or electronic communications. They all should share equally the requirements that allow us to know who sponsors what. This is a fundamental right in a democracy. It is a fundamental need in maintaining a democracy. Please adopt Alternative A. Thank you.

Mrs. Polly Goldberg

In the interest of a fair democracy, we deserve to know who is trying to influence our votes.

Ms. Carrie DeHaven

I deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too.

Mr. Dylan Jones

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

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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.

Mrs. Terrie Williams

I ask you to update transparency rules to keep with new technologies.

I also ask you to adopt Alternative A which is the disclosure standard for TV, radio and print and apply those standards to online information.

We need to know who is sponsoring and behind the messages we receive no matter what the media source.

Thank you.

Mr. Richard Fox

Given the events of the last few years, it is more important than ever that the American people are able to know where the ads they see originate. It is really imperative that the American people are able to look at the bottom of an ad to see where that ad came from.

Basically as a citizen of the United States, I demand that you as a government entity protect our rights, and more importantly, our democracy.

Ms. Allie Simon

We just received an offer from one of our phone companies to upgrade our internet speed service for \$6.50 per month, which also includes blocking nuisance business phone calls. Google (and others) which repeatedly phone, twice a week or more, even though being instructed to remove our name!

We are on the FCC's Do Not Call Registry which, outrageously, has stopped enforcing that "prohibited" practice. We wish to be on record of supporting the previous policy of an "open internet" and it being regulated and protected as a utility, WHICH EVERYONE KNOWS IT IS!

Dr. Lew Bishop

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Ms. Terri Deroche

Since our political system is awash with money and, at least for the time being, we can't do anything about it, it is my belief that if our political system is for sale, I, as a voting citizen, have the right to know who is buying my government. This includes advertising on the internet. There is no reason that internet political advertising should have any lower bar than other media.

Mr. Ken Converse

It is important to our democracy that we as the voters know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

I am asking for the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technologies as they come out.

I request the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you,

Richard Morris

Mr. Richard Morris

I am writing to demand transparency for on-line ads which comprise a large percentage of our advertising in today's world. I believe we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. To do this, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads too. The repercussions of not doing this are the potential for foreign influence in our political process, as well as not allowing the public to understand who is providing these messages.

Mrs. Leslie Levy

Because we need to know who is trying to influence our votes, the FEC should update its transparency rules to align with advances in technology. In addition, the FEC should adopt 'Alternative A', such that TV, radio, and print ads apply to online ads as well.

Hanni Woodbury

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. I respectfully request that the FEC adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Randall Griswold

I urge you to update the rules on transparency so all of us may know who is behind any and all political ads on any medium. Alternative A should apply to online ads as it does to ads on tv or in newspapers.

I urge you to act to support an open democracy.

Sincerely, S. Barnhart

Ms. S. Barnhart

Dear FEC,

I am writing to express my opinion that we deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

I believe the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Therefore, the FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Sincerely,
Rachel Edelson
Nashua NH

Ms. Rachel Edelson

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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Mike Friel

In order to protect American democracy, and to ensure free and fair elections, we must adapt to changing technology and trends- We must make sure that political ads on the internet identify who paid for them, to insure transparency and to discourage outside meddling and illegal activity.

Mr. James Shipman

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following are the points I would like you to consider:

American voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC must update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you.

Kathy Knoeppel

Mrs. kathy knoeppel

With what happened in the last election, I strongly feel it is important we know who is paying for the ads going forward. We need to be assured we have free and fair elections without any foreign interferences. We need stronger and more comprehensive disclosure rules for all internet advertising.

Thank you for your consideration

Jeanne MacKenzie

We should know who is trying to influence us. That should be more than the name of a group, e.g., Good People of America does not tell us who is supporting an ad, it should require people's names and how to contact them. Lots of ads came out before the May 15 PA primary with the name of a group but no information about who that group represented.

Dr. Nadine Anderson

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Mr. John Delibos

Do the right thing

Mr. Felton Pierre

The public deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you

Dr. Dan Silver

Quite simply:

Full disclosure for online ads. Who paid, what they represent etc.

Mr. Michael Hormel

Absolutely all political ads should follow the same rules, including disclosures, regardless of the medium by which they are presented. If it were completely up to me there would be no political advertising at all, just sources of information which voters would have to actively seek, but I know that's not going to happen anytime soon. Leveling the playing field for all types of advertising is the next best thing, I suppose.

Dr. Josh Feldblyum

Every means to assure all citizens have equal access to the vote as well as to assure all citizens are fully informed about all persons and entities providing financial supports to all candidates is vital for our democracy

Mr. William Fast

We, the people, deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Therefore, I believe that the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. It should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mrs. Maria Studer

Everybody has the right to know the truth behind who is trying to influence and why. Making political advertisements and propaganda needs to show the people or group presenting the information and their motive for doing so.

Mr. Drew Politzer

It is a cornerstone of our democracy that we know who is attempting to influence election results. Anyone making significant financial payments to influence votes should be required to disclose their identity.

We don't want outside entities, such as Russian nationals, to influence our elections by contributing to the NRA or sowing discontent on social media.

Mr. Steven Ald

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

Ms. doris koplik

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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.

Mr. Stephen Dutschke

Be transparent, our democracy is too precious to destroy.
Let us know where the money is coming from

Mr. Brian Hauprich

As the pace of technology has far outstripped the regulations controlling it, events now demand that the FEC update its policies for full disclosure of Internet-based campaign ads. Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence views and votes. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply disclosure rules to TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Michael Minnick

Just as TV and print ads include information about who is paying for the ad, I urge you to require that online campaign ads include the same information. I hope you will move to serve the public in this way.

Dr. Deborah Hayes

We have a right to know who is paying for ads we see on the internet, especially political campaign ads. And that information should be clear as to who is actually behind the ads, not just some vague title like "American Values" where you still can't tell who is actually paying for the ad. Otherwise the money is "dark money" and it could be coming from anywhere including foreign countries who want to undermine American values and democracy.

Martha Burke

I am writing in support of transparency for our democracy, something that is extremely important to me.

I think the public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Also the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

In addition FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Mrs. Paula Shafransky

Please choose option A in making the information on internet adds ruling.

Mr. Gary Brill

I need to know who is trying to influence my views and my vote.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Sincerely,

Mark Snyder
Easton, PA 18042
Mr. Mark Snyder

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our elections. It is time that the FEC moved into the 21st century to keep up with new technology. As such, I strongly support adopting ?Alternative A,? to apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Thank you.

Ms. Amanda Smock

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Mr. Leroy Frankel

American voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Please help save our democracy!

Jeffery Garcia

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. Therefore the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, also.

Ms. Gena DiLabio

To protect our elections, the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

All internet campaign ads, including ads for issues as well as candidates, must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links and it is vital that people know who is influencing their vote.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. Dark money ads, Russian meddling, and corporate spending influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018 and beyond.

Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. This information should be made available online in one location that is easily searchable and downloadable. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections.

Mr. Noam Eisen

As an American citizen & taxpayer WE THE PEOPLE need to know of any outside agents or agencies that are trying to influence our congressmen & our democratic election processes. It is ridiculous in this day & age that so much corruption continues to go unchecked! We need REAL TRANSPARENCY & WE NEED IT NOW!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mr. Aaron Honore'

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Ms. Rachel Wolf

I believe that a free and open internet is vital to a burgeoning healthy economy. Maintaining a level playing ground for the exchange of ideas and the communication of information in a free world for everyone where the "profit margin" is not the bottom line or the main consideration, but is rather a form of free speech is what's required. We do not want an internet that has been privatized for profit by a select few.

Mr. Mark Forsyth

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Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Cregg McCullin

In order to maintain an informed citizenry, we require authentic disclosure of the source of all online political advertisers. Allowing an ad to be listed as by 'citizens for a better x' does not give any indication that corporations a and b are the actual funders.

Mr. Eric Ashley

Dear FEC,

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them, the same disclaimers required for television and print advertisements. Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads so that they can make informed decisions about who they vote for. The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it could happen again in 2018. Americans want their elections fair and open, without outside influences or biases involved.

The FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,
LeeAnn Bennett, American

Ms. LeeAnn Bennett

In order to protect our democracy, it is essential that we understand who is trying to influence us in political ads of all sorts.

That's why it is critical that the FEC keep up with new methods that have been developed to disseminate political ads.

The FEC should therefore go with "Alternative A" to apply the existing disclosure rules that apply to ads on TV, radio, and print ads to online ads on websites such as Facebook, etc. also.

Thank you.

Jeffrey Perrone

The American people deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. It is time for the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too Thank you for considering this update.

Dr. Kay Keys

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

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

Mr. Craig Emerick

What could be more important in a democracy than transparent elections?
It's bad enough that the Russians succeeded in poisoning the air of free
discourse in the 2016 election. Now I write to support Alternative A, a
needed update to transparency rules in keeping with new technologies
which currently vastly outstrip anyone's ability to know what exactly is
going on. Thank you.

Dr. Michael Marquardt

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

Mrs. Hoa Pantastico

Knowing who paid for an on-line ad is crucial to understanding what that ad might mean. Please require that this piece of information be included in any and all on-line ads.

Ms. Cathey Heron

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Mrs. Mary O'neill

Internet campaign ads, including ads for issues as well as candidates, must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit.

FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. This information should be made available online in one location that is easily searchable and downloadable. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934.

It is obvious with new technologies and with apparent meddling in 2016 elections, the rules need to be strong. Please enact as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

Kristy Glynn

Our system for disclosure of who is funding political opinion in radio and television works pretty well, but for Internet advertising, we need our regulations to catch up with the technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads as well.

Mr. Joel Rubinstein

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. The corruption of our democracy by money has gone on too long and needs to be curtailed.

Ms. ka lemon

FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

All internet campaign ads, including ads for issues as well as candidates, must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible.

Mr. Terry Glynn

Please adopt Alternative A so we can have better protections regarding our having knowledge of who is trying to influence our opinion.

Mr. Doug Herren

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. That is because those paying for campaign ads are engaged in a corrupt strategy of legalized bribery. As such, the FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. In one such update, the FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules for TV, radio and print ads to online ads as well.

Mr. Dave Hornstein

Simply put any and all political advertisements must include a clear and transparent list of the major funders of the ad. Part of free speech is knowing who is speaking. It is the only way to keep our democracy functioning for all.

Mr. Henry Morgen

Our democracy is important enough to know which totalitarian regime is trying to influence it. Why don't we as a nation have a requirement that we know the identity of the origin of those posting political propaganda?

Mr. Patrick Stroud

Unless voters know who placed a campaign ad, they can be misled, manipulated, tricked and so on by clever, professional admen or rather adpersons. When voters know who placed the ad, they are able to exercise their right to choose to vote in their own self interest, even when they are snowed by confusing, manipulative ads.

I am deeply concerned about what will happen to us if voters don't know who is inundating them with what's known as alternative facts.

Ms. Mary Nash

Please restore the integrity of our elections by requiring the identification of those who pay for online ads.

Jacqueline Lowry

I am in complete support of the proposed rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them!

Jude Roth

The stakes are too high to allow a loopy goopy attitude toward political campaign advertising. Campaign advertising in ANY form must be fully verifiable and identified as to its source and sponsors. There will always be those who want to "game the system" and exploit our love of freedom of speech for nefarious purposes, and it is essential to our nation's future success that we have the means to effectively suppress those bad actors, whether they be US citizens or foreigners.

Nancy Wilson

I believe that all people have a right to know who is trying to influence their views. My recommendation would be to update the transparency rules to reflect current technology. We should adopt "alternative a" which means we will have the same disclosures that already exist for TV, radio and print advertising applied to our online advertising.

Dr. Janet Perlman

I am writing in support of strong and clear rules regarding Internet campaign ads. The Federal Election Commission's (FEC) proposed rules are not strong enough. American voters deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Ms. Paula Grande

We deserve to know who's trying to influence our views and votes. The FCC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FCC should adopt "Alternative A", which would apply the disclosure rules we have for t.v., radio ads, print ads, and online ads.

Ms. Dacia Murphy

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals to amend FEC regulations concerning disclaimers on public communications on the internet that express advocacy, solicit contributions, or are made by political committees.

I am very concerned about foreigners posting ads on social media to illegally influence our elections like Russia did in 2016.

I believe that citizens are entitled to know who is trying to influence our votes, particularly in light of revelations about Russia's insidious meddling in the 2016 election. It is time to update regulations to reflect the current realities of internet use, and disclaimer requirements for online ads should be strengthened. Internet ads that expressly advocate for candidates or that solicit political donations must state who paid for the ad and whether it was authorized by a candidate.

The rules concerning online political ads remain woefully behind the sensible standards we apply to political ads on TV and other media. I believe that the full disclaimer requirements that apply to radio and TV political ads should apply to internet ads with audio or video components and current print disclaimers should apply to graphics and text in internet ads. And, we should allow some smaller communications, such as banner ads, to satisfy the disclosure requirement through an "adapted disclaimer."

Furthermore, I think we should expand the definition of public communication to cover significant expenditures on messages posted to the web for free.

Our current laws are not adequate to deal with the threats we face from adversaries who are trying to weaken our democracy. These actions will help to keep foreign money out of our elections.

Thank you

Jason Mag

The FEC should adopt "alternative A" which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. We need our rules to apply to ALL means of mass communication. Thank you.

Cynthia Tuell

The citizens of the United States need to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

It is time for the FEC to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

I strongly urge the FEC to adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads.

Thank you

Peter Bennett?s

I'm writing to strongly support requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them. Any strong democracy needs transparent elections, and this will help assure that.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Rosen

Elizabeth Rosen

I and all Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Thank you for your time.
Susan Nielsen

Ms. Susan Nielsen

As a nation, We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.I support the FEC adopting ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too. The FEC needs to update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

Ms. Marjory Keenan

To Whom it May Concern:

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

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Please do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn Crandall

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Ms. Helgaleena Healingline

None

Mr. Brian Chapman

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technology. The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply
the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Sami Turetsky

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Charles Moore

Too many unknown name, unknown number or private number on caller id. Scams from foreign nations should be blocked permanently.

Mr. Garry Kramchak

We need to know that the information we are receiving via the internet is actually coming from within the United States, and specifically not motivated from without the country's borders.

We need protection against other countries attempting to influence our voting and our democratic process.

Transparency in regard to any political ads and "news sources" for said ads and campaign videos is imperative.

Ms. Sharon Smith

The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them similarly to what is required for television and print advertisements. However, I would like it to go farther with a link to who is in the PAC or LLC that paid for the ads. Where did the money really come from? It was way too easy for Russia to make up groups to hide behind in their attacks on our country's elections. We can not allow that. There must be transparency even on the internet. Please help protect the USA from internet attacks on our democracy.

Darnell Rohrbaugh

As a concerned American citizen and taxpayer, I appreciate you for considering my comments.

Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

It is vital that the FEC update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology.

The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads, too.

Dr. Mha Atma Khalsa

I'm very concerned about the attempts by foreign powers to influence American elections and public policy through online articles, ads, and false news stories. To keep our democracy strong, the FEC needs to update its disclosure rules for online ads to match those in place for radio, TV, and print ads. The American public deserves to know who is trying to influence it. Otherwise, we risk allowing our democracy to be manipulated and corrupted.

Dr. Madolyn Rogers

Without transparency, we are no more secure in our election process than any rich dictator-run third-world country. We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes.

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Dr. Andrea Gruszecki

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Thank you.

Dr. Bruce Spring

I feel strongly that the FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

Dr. Constance Brumm

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes
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The FEC should adopt ?Alternative A,? which would apply the disclosure
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Mr. Marc Silverman

Given the disastrous failure to detect and stop Russian interference with our 2016 national election, which former DNI Director Clapper believes actually swung the Presidency to Donald Trump, it is crucial that we know who is behind political ads.

Having taught politics for four decades at the university level, I am amazed at how porous and accessible our media - especially social media - are to foreign, malign manipulation. TRANSPARENCY is essential. The FEC needs to act NOW to ensure that the run-up to the mid-term elections this fall, and especially the 2020 Presidential election, is safeguarded.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Harald Sandstrom

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The public deserves to know who is trying to influence our views and votes.

The disclosure rules that apply to television, radio and print advertisements should be applied to online ads too.

Ms. Janice Wilfing

Dear FEC rulemakers,

I worked in electoral politics in the US for over 30 years. Nearly 10 of those years, I was a political media consultant who was required to comply with laws regarding disclaimers in TV, radio and print advertising.

I fundamentally agreed then and now with US laws that required disclosure of the source of money, group, committee or individual who was sponsoring a political advertisement. Transparency is a key right for citizens who must know - easily and in real time - who is behind political communications they see and hear. Every voter deserves to know who is trying to persuade them.

The FEC needs to modernize and require the same disclosures for political communications in any online ads run on new technology platforms that have developed in the past decade.

The FEC should adopt "Alternative A," so that the disclosure rules that are required for TV, radio and print ads are required for any form on online ads.

The American people deserve no less in our democracy.

Thank you.

Mark Lotwis

Naples, FL 34114

Mr. Mark Lotwis

Protect our democratic election process from foreign interference and from inside sabotage.

Ms. Carol Ortiz

I strongly urge the FEC to force all advertisers to declare their identity. The World Wide Web is a very powerful tool - it can be a powerful force for good, but its reach means that it can also be abused. Please prevent abuse and keep the internet free to all users.

Dr. Martha Nowycky

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Mr. Cody Hulme

Internet campaign ads should be required to show who is paying for them.
Protect democracy.

Marianne Armstrong

I want the strongest disclaimer rules possible across all forms of media.

Mr. Jeffrey Bussmann

We need strong disclaimer rules governing internet advertising to help prevent further interference in our election process.
Please DO NOT let advertisers use internet platforms without disclaimers.

Meg Kelley

The FEC needs to require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements. Because Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. Internet campaign ads should, be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as ?Paid for by?? with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

Ms. Wava Carpenter

The FEC must require online ads to have disclaimers that reveal who is paying for these ads!

Dr. Susan Lederman

ALL political ads should be approved by the candidate and say so in the ad on ALL mediums and media outlets.

Marybeth ODonnell

I urge you to adopt a strict disclaimer rule for internet campaign ads. A majority of people report that they get most of their information from the internet, and they deserve to know who is delivering that information. It is impossible to judge what one reads unless s/he knows the source of the information. The FEC needs to protect our electoral system by adopting strict rules identifying who is paying for/writing campaign ads, just as is required for other media sources.

Barbara Lindemann

Online political ads should state who is paying for them. Just like other media.

Martha McIver

As long as a majority of Americans identify the internet or an online platform as their leading source of information, there must be tough rules that require transparency for disclosure of who is paying for online ads.

Without a strong disclaimer rule from the FEC, foreign interests will yet again work to influence the decisions of voters around the country in the 2018 election.

Elise Low

**The FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisements.

**Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads.

**The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

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** the FEC should make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

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Bertie weddell

As more and more of our communication activities occur online, it is essential that users know who is paying for online political ads. Please help protect the American public from foreign manipulation by requiring disclaimers on online political ads, just like you do for TV, radio, and print ads. Thank you.

Ms. Sheri Six

I believe that citizens of the United States deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. This issue is more important than ever given the attempts by foreign interests to influence the American public's voting patterns. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology. Further, the FEC should adopt "Alternative A," which would apply the disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads to online ads. Thank you for taking these steps to help protect our democracy.

Ms. Lisa Krausz

We need transparency in all advertisements. On line advertising should be as strict as print and TV and radio ads. Our last election proved that a foreign power can influence an election. Some of the states that went to Trump were by slim margins and since Russia and Putin aggressively backed Trump you have to wonder if their interference effectively swung our election. Think about it. A foreign power choosing OUR president. We must be protected from this happening again.

Mrs. Laraine Lebron

In order to accurately assess arguments, voters must know who is saying what.

Mr. John Passante

Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. It follows then, that the FEC should:

- ? require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them ? as is required for television and print advertisement;
- ? make copies of all paid internet political messages, their funding source and target audience, available to the public similar to the libraries kept for television advertising.

And that internet campaign ads should be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then an adapted disclaimer such as ?Paid for by?? with a link to a full disclaimer in one step.

The FEC?s Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern.

Dark money ads and foreign meddling influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018.

Jim Weddell

I support stronger rules on disclaimers in Internet campaign ads than those proposed.

To protect our elections, the FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule should be comprehensive and modern, and take into account the ways that internet advertising is different from other forms of advertising.

All internet campaign ads, including ads for issues as well as candidates, must be required to include either a full disclaimer or, if size or format makes a full disclaimer impractical, then a shortened disclaimer such as "Paid for by?" with a link that goes directly to a full disclaimer. The funder of an ad must be made explicit because most people do not bother clicking on links.

The disclaimer rules should be in place as soon as possible. Dark money ads, Russian meddling, and corporate spending influenced the 2016 election, and without these rules in place, it will happen again in 2018. Finally, the FEC should make public copies of all paid internet political messages, as well as their funding sources and target audiences. This information should be made available online in one location that is easily searchable and downloadable. Libraries like this already exist for television advertising under the Communications Act of 1934. Similar rules for internet ads will ensure enforcement of laws against foreign meddling in our elections.

Ms. Janet Graham

I hope that the FEC will require that all political list who is paying for them and that information can be used by viewers to make better judgments about the legitimacy and intent of the claims made. I think if we don't make that mandatory we will see misleading and divisive advertising flood our future elections as they did in 2016 election year.

Patricia Essick

Online campaign ads should disclose who paid for the ad. This disclaimer should be in plain view and not require clicking a link. TV ads have this requirement, so online ads should as well.

More people get their info from the internet now, so it is extremely important that disclaimers are required. Transparency is critical for a democracy.

Janet Darrow

I am writing to support the proposed rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them. This is in direct response to the onslaught of fake news and dark money ads run on Facebook and Twitter during the 2016 election campaign. We need transparency more than ever, given that we are entering another election cycle and the current administration has insisted on doing everything they can to look the other way while leaving the door unlocked to any foreign country who has cash and bribery potential.

Ms. Deborah Garet

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Mrs. Dawn Krouse

The FEC hasn't updated their disclosure rules in years. In that time, the Internet has completely revolutionized how we communicate -- but the FEC hasn't always kept pace with new technology. Now, the bipartisan outrage at Russia's efforts to destabilize our democracy gives us a real opportunity for action.

As you know, already over 140,000+ Americans have spoken out to demand new, modern disclosure rules -- and in response the FEC has offered two proposed rules it is considering. One -- which we support -- would clarify how many of the same disclosure rules as TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads. The other would water down these requirements, making it harder to stop Russian meddling in 2018 and beyond.

We NEED to know how big corporations or international entities are spending money online to influence our votes, in as close to real-time as possible. We have a real chance to protect that right -- so please join me in speaking out and co-sign our official FEC comments today.

New rules by the FEC wouldn't solve every problem -- and it'd be no substitute for action by Congress, like passing the "Honest Ads Act" to require full transparency for online ads. But updating the disclosure rules NOW would be a positive step forward for protecting our right to know!

Ms. A.L. Steiner

Over the past two years, we have learned of foreign state and private actors, along with private companies like Cambridge Analytica, have been trying to interfere with our free and open elections. We need to prevent this type of interference in the future. We need several changes toward this end. However, better transparency is a great start.

We deserve to know who is trying to influence our views and our votes. The FEC should update its transparency rules to keep up with new technology by adopting ?Alternative A.? The disclosure rules we have for TV, radio, and print ads should apply to online ads, too.

While we may never know what effect ads have on our election results, we deserve to know who is behind the attempts to change our hearts and minds.

Thank you for listening to this input.

Ms. Sharon Strausss

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DO YOUR JOB!

Thanks,

Dr. Douglas Bell

Disclosure rules are just as important for online ads as they are for any other media. We deserve to know the source of any information that is trying to influence us.

Rachel Radin

It is sad to see what is happening to the FCC. It used to be our protection, now it is being gutted for political power. Please do the right thing and protect Net Neutrality for everyone, not just corporations. Thank you.

Mr. Robert Ogden

I would like to see the FEC work toward ending the corruption in our election system. Some states are having good luck with Vote At Home programs that send all registered voters a mail in ballot. They get more voter participation and it is easy to count and recount if necessary the votes and keep the voting process honest. Voters won't have to stand in line for hours to vote. It will be cheaper to run the election with fewer people.

We should expand it to the full nation as a federal program. No one trusts the voting machines that have all been proven to be easily hacked and votes flipped. More people would vote if you made it easier and they thought their vote would actually matter.

Thank you

Mr. Robert Ogden

Please adopt Alternative A to online ads, so they are subject to the same level of transparency as TV and radio political ads.

Ms. Priscilla Glynn

We need transparency in Government, and the citizens of this nation have the right to know who is paying for political ads. The Constitution states "We the People", not we the corporations. Require that ALL political ads disclose who paid for them.

Ms. Tamara Haight

I would like to know who is paying for all online campaign ads. This information is required for print advertisements and television ads, and I believe it should be required for all online ads as well.

I and all Americans have a right to know who is paying for all campaign ads.

The FEC's Internet Communication Disclaimers rule needs to prevent dark money and foreign meddling from influencing the 2018 campaigns from the sort of issues present in the 2016 campaigns. Unless we do something different, it will happen again.

Internet campaign ads should make full disclosure; if size of the ad is an issue, a "Paid for by..." with a one-step link to the full information is acceptable.

Marcee Silver

We need the proposed rule requiring online ads to disclose who paid for them in order to prevent interference in our elections by foreign governments such as Russia. It is quite clear that they did interfere in to 2016 election; not just national be regional as well.

Dr. Karlene Gunter

Please support the public disclosure of entities posting political information and/or advertisements on the internet. We deserve to know who is posting political information.

Thank you.

Molly Hirschbiel