Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Aggregate Biennial Contribution Limits

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Introduction

My name is Hans A. von Spakovsky.¹ I am a Senior Legal Fellow in the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation. The views I express in this testimony are my own, and should not be construed as representing any official position of The Heritage Foundation.

As you are aware, I served as a commissioner on the FEC in 2006 and 2007. I have jointly filed a comment on this Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("ANPR") in my personal capacity along with three other former commissioners: Lee Ann Elliott (1982-2000),

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Finally, the proposal to regulate political speech on the Internet is profoundly misguided and poses a serious threat to free speech. The FEC has no authority to regulate political speech simply because it is a "growing force in the political arena."

A proposal that would implicate the First Amendment and greatly expand regulation into an area that has been regulated only lightly or not at all should come from Congress, not the FEC. And it is worth noting that Congress, well aware of the Commission’s appropriate “hands off” approach for a decade, has not passed such legislation.

This proposal to regulate political commentary on the Internet would take the FEC into an area far outside of its authority. It has no relevance to the only type of corruption in the campaign process the Supreme Court has said Congress can permissibly target, which is "'quid pro quo' corruption." That such commentary might influence elections or election officials "does not give rise to such quid pro quo corruption." The government and specifically the FEC cannot "seek to limit the appearance of mere influence or access."8

Candidates running for federal office must disclose any payments to Internet websites to post political advertising for their campaigns. That is all that is needed.

Claims about the supposed dangers of so-called "dark money" connected with political commentary on the Internet are unproven, undocumented speculation and conjecture. As the Supreme Court warned in McCutcheon, we "have never accepted mere conjecture as adequate to carry a First Amendment burden."7

Chairwoman Ravel claims that in today’s world, “the distinctions between the Internet and other modes of communication are not what an earlier group of Commissioners may have anticipated” when the Internet regulation was issued in 2006. With all due respect, I was on the FEC at the time and that claim is completely wrong.

In fact, modern technology has led to a Renaissance of ordinary citizens being able to influence public debate in the political arena. Anyone with access to a computer or smart phone can publish political opinion, social commentary, YouTube videos, or tweets on important issues and public policy problems at little cost.

The FEC noted this at the time, concluding that:

The Internet has changed the way in which individuals engage in political activity by expanding the opportunities for them to participate in campaigns and grassroots activities at little or no cost and from remote locations. Accordingly, in the NPRM, the Commission proposed new rules to extend explicitly the existing individual activity exceptions to the Internet to remove any potential restrictions on the ability of individuals

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5 McCutcheon, 134 S.Ct. at 1450.
6 McCutcheon, 134 S.Ct. at 1450-51.
7 McCutcheon, 134 S.Ct. at 1452.
Federal Election Commission

Re: REG 2014-01 Earmarking, Affiliation, Joint Fundraising, Disclosure, and Other Issues

Dear Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today.

I am a registered nurse and I live and work in Suffolk County, Long Island, NY where businesses get 10 to 20 year tax abatements while homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the nation. Tax abatements go hand in hand with political contributions (Gerald Wolkoff and Heartland Development). I live in the only jurisdiction where nurses have been prosecuted for quitting their jobs after the employer, a political contributor to the County DA Thomas Spota, had a private meeting with the DA, after the SC Police Dept said no crime was committed and the NYS Board of Nursing ruled the nurses did nothing wrong (Anilao v. Spota). SC taxpayers are on the hook for millions defending the corrupt DA and ADA in a federal civil rights lawsuit going on year six. Despite violating the 1st, 13th, & 14th Amendments of the US Constitution in the Sentosa Nursing case, and failing to prosecute former SC Executive Steve Levy for campaign finance violations, the DA was cross-endorsed by the democrat, republican, conservative, and independent party lines with no opposition on the ballot in his last reelections. SC is the capital of legalized election rigging with its cross-endorsements by the major and minor parties, with single names for office on the ballots. I'll tell you about the corruption by NYS AG Eric Schneiderman and NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo at another hearing.

The ruling by the five Republican justices of the US Supreme Court in Citizen's United legalized bribery. Many politicians are selling their votes to the people and artificial entities with the largest bribe, aka highest bid, aka campaign contribution, aka highest independent expenditures. The majority of Americans are not being represented by these bribed politicians, only the ones doing the bribing are benefitting. President Obama, Republicans, and Democrats have been successfully bribed by Wall Street – they get their legislation passed which is good for them and bad for the rest of America, and have been immune to criminal prosecution. They got to keep the rewards from their crimes, remain in their positions, not go to jail, and pass on the civil judgments to the tax payers. US AG Eric Holder, and NYS AG Eric Schneiderman refused to do their jobs and bring criminal prosecutions. Andrew Cuomo was NYS AG when the 2008 crisis hit and he too, failed to prosecute anyone.
We have a crisis of law enforcement in this country as a result of legalized bribery by the five Republican SCOTUS justices.

I follow the work of the Brennan Center of Justice, Public Citizen, Move to Amend, and the other organizations who have spoken here today in support of campaign finance reform and regulations. There needs to be limits restored in order to combat the bribery and corruption. Not one newspaper in SC carried the story that a hedge fund executive spent a million bucks to a Super Pac to get my Congressman Lee Zelden elected, I had to read about it in Mother Jones. As a NYS Senator, Mr. Zeldin declined signing on to making NYS the 17th state to call for a 28th Amendment to overturn Citizens United (NYS is still 3 signatures shy), and instead took $10,000 from the Citizens United Political Victory Fund and the group also made expenditures on his behalf. Move to Amend Brookhaven worked hard to get a resolution presented before the Town of Brookhaven asking the TOB Council members to approve the resolution showing support for a 28th Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizen's United. The resolution failed with 3 yeas, and 4 abstentions. The abstentions were all by Republicans and Conservatives, one of whom is now a judge.

On Disclosure: the documentary Hot Coffee, alerted me to the corruption of the US Chamber of Commerce. In order to get their pro-chamber of Commerce-loving State Supreme Court Justice elected, they spent 100's of thousand of dollars on negative attack ads destroying the career and life of the opposing judge. This true story is now being made into its own documentary, The Oliver Diaz Story.

Any 501c's that engage in indirect electioneering communications and independent expenditures, and direct contributions, should lose their tax-exempt status and disclosure required of all the names of the businesses and individual contributors. The public deserves to know exactly who is behind all these negative attack ads and dark money.

On Earmarks, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and the Suffolk County Legislators are enjoying earmarks, aka member items, pork, community support initiative grants, economic development grants, while they use the budget deficit as an excuse to layoff public employees, circumvent the NYS RFP law and conduct a fire sale first on the county nursing home, which failed so they defunded and closed it, and then with a fire sale on the county public health centers. They are also donating surplus tax-payer owned county equipment and vehicles to non-profits, during the budget deficit, in order to line up more votes for themselves at reelection time. But they are violating NYS law and failing to publicly disclose all their member items and earmarks, and scamming the public that member items ended in 2011. They are doing it in plain sight and they are not being prosecuted for violating NYS law and being required to step down.
Public funding of non-profits needs to end during budget deficits, because it's physically impossible to attend every non-profit meeting and event to police legislators and their aides if they are taking sole credit for the taxpayer funding. The heads of the non-profits are engaging in the earmarks with the legislators asking their members and the public in attendance to thank the sole legislator for the funding or the event that was publicly funded. No credit is being given to the Department of Economic Development, the Cultural Advisory Board and Film Commission, and most importantly, the Suffolk County taxpayers, for the funding, only the County Executive and individual County Legislators.

Political Candidates have to report their campaign contributions to the State Board of Elections and FEC. There is no agency that elected officials have to report their members items and earmarks to, it is completely based on voluntary reporting and they are not self-reporting, ergo public funding of non-profits has to end to prevent the abuse. The US Constitution does not state government has to provide public funding to non-governmental agencies, which lead to votes for politicians at reelection time.

Any efforts on your behalf to end the legalized bribery and secrecy of political contributors in our democracy under attack by special interests and big money is appreciated.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak here.

Linda McGregor
Date: Feb. 9, 2015
TO: U.S. Department of Interior
Public hearings, Feb. 9, 2015
Embassy Suite Convention Center, 900-10th Street, Washington DC 20009

FROM: LIH YOUNG, Ph. D.
Stockville, MD 20849

(Note: Previous email address: [Redacted], which has been unjustly obstructed, closed, and/or denied
direct access by "MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS", like other social media, internet, computer as complained.)

SUBJECT: Support clean water, clean air; reduce global warming; OPPOSE offshore drilling.

My name is Lih Young. I am a Ph. D. economist by training. I am here to join other civic groups to support the clean water, clean air; reduce significantly harmful-pollution and global warming; to improve government function; to protect people, families, communities and society from harmful damages. My reasons are stated below:

(I). The harmful pollution and damages affect: people's health, productivity, medical expenditures; individual, family and social lives; from both private and social cost-benefits points of view; which harms our people and communities, while taxpayers and general public have to pay the costs.

Further, adverse impacts of unfairness, irresponsibility, unfair election and market mechanism, and unjust influences of corporations, entities or networks cause serious social-political problems, and thus cost our society tremendously. To help you understand the social problems as I have identified, see the attachments, including my candidate statements. I have run for public offices, local-federal, since 1994, including U.S. SENATE.

(II). SOCIAL JUSTICE IN GREAT DANGER! WORK TO BE DONE: PROMOTE FAIRNESS, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, PEACE, HUMANITY, PRODUCTIVITY, WELL-BEING OF GENERAL PUBLIC; RESOLVE SOCIO-POLITICAL ISSUES, BALANCING BUDGET. OPPOSE SO CALLED "FAIR ELECTION ACT" PUBLIC FINANCE MATCHING SMALL DONORS FUND- DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, RESOURCES BENEFIT "BAD GUYS" AS USUAL.

(III). I urge the officials and legislators to resolve murder, fraud, crime and complained issues; audit complaints and finances in practically every agency and contractors; prosecute/eliminate "MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust practices, abuse, waste; rather than being misled, manipulated, and influenced to benefit them. We ought to improve government function; resolve complained issues; protect people, families, business and communities from harmful damages on health, productivity, activities, LIVES and medical expenditures; from private and social points of view.

"MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS": rampant, private-public sectors; 3 branches; administrative and judicial levels; local-global, including legal/judicial/court personnel, law enforcement, health services occupation, agencies, contractors, impersonators, facilities, etc.; continuing, on-going, relaying, infiltrating every segment of our lives (including non-profit civic organizations), expanding local-global; with threat, coercion, falsification/misleading, destruction; tampering/destroying/concealing evidences, documents, witnesses; endless abuse of power, laws, authorities; unlawful, immoral acts, official misconduct, misuse; unjust practices, schemes, scams, manipulation, monitoring, influences; deprivation of people's rights, resources, reputation and LIVES (private, public); obstruct/destroy activities (personal, business, civic, political, affiliation); destroy individuals, families, businesses, communities, society, justice, peace; create homelessness, poverty, civil-human rights backwards, serious "socio-political election-media-legislative-budget-appropriation-system problems".

(IV). The 'MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS" can use various abuses, false evidence/witnesses; obtain people's properties, belongings; pull hairs; cut buttons, clothing, handbags, shoes, luggage, samples, blood; unjust injuries, injection, damages (financially, physically, bodily, mentally, LIVES); even make certainly matches on "DNA". It would be even more difficult, or impossible for people to defend.

* Attachment (6)

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CALL TO ACTION
CALL FOR INVESTIGATION
COMPLAINT: (Mainly on FALSE FORECLOSURE and related MURDER, fraud, crime, injustice networks). Lih Young visited Crisis Center to complain as in other incidences or evictions.

COMPLAINT: Lih Ying Young, Ph. D. (Mailing address: Rockville, Potomac, Maryland 20849; Registered address: Rockville, MD 20849)

COMPLAINED AGAINST the following: See also other complaints, eg., on health services, false guardianship and related ‘MURDER-fraud-crime-injustice networks’ with endless false excuses, unlawful actions, frauds, crimes, etc., which cause serious socio-political-media-budget-poverty-freedom problems.

Laura Jolly, phony substitute trustee (who cannot be found, contacted, or communicated even inquired by law offices or government agencies); Marc Stiffman, Esq. (Georgia Ave., Wheaton/Silver Spring, Maryland); Samuel White LLC (initially office in Richmond, Va, later office in Alexandria Va.); Samuel White, Esq., Daniel Pesachowitz, Esq., Shawn Bartley, Esq., etc.

Attorneys hired originally by homeowners, but betrayed homeowners. As hired by other parties and court auditor Robert Romero: Olivia Cammack, Esq. (offices in Silver Spring, Baltimore, Maryland); David Slacter Esq. (Bethesda, Maryland).

Judges, Clerks of the Courts (former and current), court personnel, sheriff, etc: Circuit Court, District Court, Court system of Maryland, and U.S. Federal courts.

Rockville city council, clerk office, city attorney office, Paul Gauk and related law firm David Venable, etc.,

City police, etc., staff. Other government agencies: DOJ, FBI, OPM, SSA, IRS, Tax court (Federal, state), DOC, US DHHS, USDA financial services; Comprometer’s office, attorney general, etc.; lawyers (government, private), accountants, landlords/bailiffs (especially under unjust influences and manipulations), and more.

Media: Montgomery Community Television: John Hansman, Nancy Poole, Executive Directors, Board of Directors; Marian Merewitiz, Larry Merewitiz, Cintia Cabib, Laura Cooper, Kimberly Watkins, Bernard Dowell, Dee Willer, etc. Fairfax Public Access; executive director, Board of Directors, especially Georgia Graves, Bob Girrusso, instructor David McArlery, other volunteers, etc.

COMPLAINED ISSUES - PROBLEMS:

Around years 2004, before housing collapsed, the housing market in my home area is good. Houses can be sold in a few days or within a week. Sometimes the purchasing prices were above asking prices. The market value of my home under foreclosure was around $700,000 - $800,000 as the complaint was informed. (The house has recently transacted around or above $850,000, as of 4/21/2010). The balance of my first mortgage at the time of foreclosure was only about $48,000. But the ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ foreclosed the home with only $470,000, less than two third (2/3) of market values, and took a long time for them to manipulate. It is grossly unfair.

The Court Auditor Robert Romero (phony, a private attorney) did not give a single penny when the complainant/homeowners were evicted out and exiled to out of state. Even after the exile, the homeowner was only given about $100,000, a small fraction of the proceeds ($470,000).

‘Fraud-crime-injustice networks’ took years of unjust practices, manipulation; false auction, buyers (names change later), rental, etc., without complainant’s prior knowledge, consent, or due process, etc. They did a lot of harassment, annoyance, unlawful acts, harms and false statements and documents against complainant and family.

Even with the foreclosed amount $470,000, it could buy a medium sized home in the Rockville area. But the ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ unjustly manipulated to exile the complainant and family out of the area, or cause homeless in the cold. The ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ are truly cruel and tyrannical destroy people, family, society, democracy, fair election and fair market mechanism.

Despite the complainant’s disagreement, and asked the court to give the proceed directly to the complainant and not give any proceed to the lawyers or via the lawyers Olivia Cammack, esq and David Slacter; both had betrayed homeowners. The court and the court auditor Robert Romero arbitrarily disregarded complainant’s request, and gave the money via David Slacter, who did not explain why such a small amount to complainant.

At the time of retainer agreement, complainant asked lawyers Olivia Cammack and David Slacter to coordinate with civil rights organization, NAACP, ACLU and AARP etc. They agreed, but they failed to do so. At the time of retainer agreement, David Slacter overcharged the amount for the retainer. He refused to make correction about over-charge or fraudulent charge at that time. He said he would return the amount later. This is unjust and fraudulent practices.

Facts causing hardship: deprivation of complainant’s resources, salaries, fringe benefits, banking accounts, cars, etc; denial of social securities disability benefits; disability retirement benefit etc., were unjustly reduced or deprived of a big portion with false unjust vague reasons, e.g., tax deficiency, but has never been itemized or explained with specific justification by government agencies. It has not been provided with installment payment schedules with itemization for specific periods of time. The ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ operation is like ‘ROBBERY MACHINE’ forever.

During the hardship, complainant continued to have mortgage paid by family members-complainant’s son, who may even pay double payment under harassment. One of the checks was returned by the ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ who marked the check with social security number to identify homeowner, complainant’s spouse. Complainant’s son wrote back for clarification.

Complainant filed motion to vacate order before eviction, but received no response. The ‘fraud-crime-injustice networks’ came with sheriff to evict the complainant, and warned of arrest if homeowners went in the house again. After eviction from own home and exile out of state, complainant’s spouse was injured and hospitalized. But eventually complainant came back to Washington D.C., Rockville and Gaithersburg areas and rented places to live, but were evicted against, without faults on the part of complainant. There were ample unjust practices, manipulation, influence, brutality and injuries against complainant.   #  #  #
CALL TO ACTION
CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

COMPLAINT: (Regarding statements of complained issues: Similar version in hand-writing was submitted on 7/13/2009 as in “Waiting room intake form” to Crisis Center, Montgomery County, Maryland (1301 Piccard Road, Rockville, Maryland). But they would not do anything to correct problems or solve problems as before. Lih Young visited Crisis Center to complain many times.)

COMPLAINANT: Lih Ying Young, Ph. D. (Mailing address: [redacted], Rockville, MD 20849; Registered address: [redacted], Rockville/Potomac, Maryland 20854; reclaiming homeownership, because of false foreclosure, eviction by “official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks”)

COMPLAINED AGAINST the following: based on recent incidences, especially regarding false guardianship, termination of Kan Young’s life and false detention and imprisonment of Lih Young for two months with forced medication or injection which adversely affect her health, speech, social activities, etc., and related problems; against “official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks”:

Department of Aging, Department of Health and Human Services (401 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, MD 20850, Adult Protective Services, 240-777-3000); especially Elizabeth Boehner (Director); Sherry Davis (public guardianship program, 240-777-3573); Suzanne Lord, Peggy Odick, esq.; Bonnie Klim (Investigation Unit), others. Robert McCarthy (4404 East-West Hwy, suite 201, Bethesda MD 20814); Ria Rochvarg Esq., (Legal Assistance Provider, Maryland Department of Health and Human Hygiene; P. O. Box 1907, Ellicott City, Maryland 21040-1907); Suburban Hospital (8600 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland); Jody Crescenzi (social worker); Patricia Grafferty (Patricia Gaggerty? Case Manager), Robert Rothstein, M.D.; other Emergency staff, physicians and staff. Manor Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Potomac, Maryland); Cheryl Paulson (Administrator); other nurses, staff. Bethesda Health and Rehabilitation Center, (Bethesda, Maryland); Puran P. Mathur (?), physician, 2401 Research Blvd. #350, Rockville, MD 20850, 301-330-6985); Tip Woodward, physician (being pressured?, 5530 Eusconsin (? Ave. #350, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, 302-656-3316). Adelman Sheff and Smith, LLC (180 Admiral Chcthrane Drive, suite 370, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 410-224-3000); attorneys for Suburban Hospital, Inc. especially Timothy B. Adelman. Police, sheriff, fire and rescue (Rockville city and Montgomery County, Maryland), especially Officer Davis (check: any relation with Sherry Davis (Montgomery County Department of Aging)?); Cowell (Sgt. Detective, wore plain clothes), Officer Sadelson C.P. and (name not yet identified), more.

COMPLAINED ISSUES - PROBLEMS:
Complained issues against government agencies and related MURDER-fraud- crime- injustice networks: abuse of power, laws and regulations. Unjust false guardianship attempts to deprive the rights of wife and families, properties and death benefits from life insurances.

Husband Kan Hua Young was MURDERED, his life was injured, damaged and terminated by order of the state and their phony guardian, Department of Aging, Adult Protective Services, especially Sherry Davis and related “official misconduct- government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks”, unjust practices, manipulation and influence; chronically; continuing; on-going with threat, coercion; violation of Constitutional rights, government rules, regulation; crimes against humanity.

Government agencies did not resolve complained issues against the fraud- crime- injustice networks which deprive, destroy, damage our assets(home, properties, reputation, cars, documents, belongings etc.; injure damage bodily, physically, mentally; endless unjust practices, e.g., false foreclosure, evictions,(from home that we owned and renting places with no fault of our own, no default payment); causing poverty, homelessness.; obstruct, destruct activities, liberty, freedom (individual, family, business, civic, political, community services; freedom of speech, communication, association, etc.).

Department of Aging, Department of Health and Human Services not only did not help, but instead working as part of “fraud- crime- injustice networks””, mastermind “phony guardianship”, kidnap Kan Hua Young to Manor Care, where Kan Young was injured by having no food, inadequate food, poison food, unsafe food and other unsafe equipment and bed. Complaints have filed with Manor Care in writing, in
Kan Young was made un-conscious and sent back to Suburban Hospital. Phony guardian, Department of Aging, especially Adult Protective Services Sherry Davis and Manor Care; denied the wife Lih Young to visit her husband in Manor-Care. Instead, they called police (including Officer Davis, ID------- full name not given) on 3/27/2009 to drag the wife out with force to break bones, choke neck and pressure chest, pulled the hair and send to Shady Grove Hospital with 4-point restraints imprisonment. Police Officer knew the complainant, but wrote petition for mental evaluation with the name Jane Doe. (Police are assigned to Wheaton District, but they came to Manor Care- Potomac which is in different district.) Again on 4/3/2009, abuse of police and Fire and Rescue (there were no fire, and no rescue necessary). They sent complainant to Suburban Hospital, more than two shots to complainant which made complainant Lih Young un-conscious; and later transported to Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health Center. Basically hospital and health center are used as prison complex to detain innocent citizens for victimization, retaliation; abuses, forced medication which adversely affected complainant's health, activities and social relationship. Obviously, they attempted to silencing people down; and can not do all kinds of activities, including visiting husband in their facilities.

Kan Hua Young was improperly treated in Suburban Hospital also with or attempts of poison food and procedures (even unlawful, without physician's approval), causing vomiting, complications, e.g., pneumonia, swelling in hands, foot and body, wide variation of sugar level, as might be 83 – 280+, etc. The court papers appears to be conspiracy among other parties. They are not only total strangers, but practically has not shown up or show any care or concerns about patient Kan Young's health, except Dr. Tip Woodward, who appeared to be under pressure by others who are serious “official misconduct-government gang- fraud- crime- injustice networks” operation, unjust practices, manipulation and influences.

The Circuit Court hearing for permanent guardianship set for June 25, 2009 was removed from the docket. The hearing was cancelled. The wife Lih Young received no court papers, and appeared in the Circuit Court on 6/25/2009. No one from other parties appeared. In between those time, the wife Lih Young visited Adult Protective Services, Department of aging, Department of Health and Human Services, and asked to see supervisor and complete files that they have concerning Kan Young and the family, but was denied except to give 3 pages of papers, and they called security guard to escort Lih Young out.

Later, Lih Young went to Circuit Court to see the file, which consist of false statement, bypass all family members, relatives, friends and other community members as guardians. They made of no mention that Lih Young has been with Kan Young in his care and stay in hospital or rehabilitation; and had been a devoted wife and mother. They also ignored that Lih Young complained against their abuse, neglect, and various kinds of wrongdoings and harms bodily, physically, financially, and hurt our reputation. They spread false rumors against the wife and family and Kan Young's. The staff in Manor Care even said that Lih Young is not the wife, as if they were. Who paid them? Are they prostitutes? Their filing of court paper also appear defective services, and lack of due process. The wife Lih Young asked the Suburban Hospital for thorough investigation, medical examination, and autopsy, including the problems concerning especially the un-conscious and adverse effect bodily as well as “fraud- crime- injustice- networks” operation. The wife also contacted Bonnie Klem of Department of Aging, Investigation Unit, and complained over the phone a couple of time, and left messages to ask for thorough investigation, medical examination and autopsy, etc., and the wife would like to have an investigative report. But complainant has not received any response. On 7/13/2009 the wife also reported to police, asked for a thorough investigation about incidences and related MURDER- “fraud- crime- injustice networks” operation. ###
June 17, 2010
CALL TO ACTION
CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

COMPLAINT:
Social justice in great danger; unjust arrest, detention, medication, torture, injury.

COMPLAINANT:
Lih Ying Young, Ph. D.
Mailing address: [Redacted] Rockville, MD 20849
Registered address: [Redacted] Rockville, MD 20854

(COMPLAINANT: Reclaiming homeownership; home was robbed away by “MURDER-fraud-crime-injustice network”
For more detail, see other complaints.)

COMPLAINED ISSUES – PROBLEMS AND FACTS:
Actually now I am still recuperating from the harm that I have suffered from false arrests, detention; forced hospitalization and medication and various unjust practices, deprivation, victimization by “MURDER-FRAUD-CRIME-INJUSTICE NETWORKS”, e.g., false foreclosures, guardianship, evictions, etc. For more detail, see various complaints at administrative and judicial levels. Hopefully, based on the complained issues and problems I had identified, testified or presented to the officials, city hall, presented in candidate statements, or the problems raised in the TV programs (concerning domestic and global affairs) produced by the complainant (Lih Young Ph.D.) Further the media was unjustly influenced by them, including public access channels, e.g., Montgomery Community Television (Montgomery County, Maryland) and Fairfax Public Access (Fairfax, Virginia). Staff or Directors of the Boards of the public access channels have used variety of unjust methods, false excuses and unjust statements to obstruct complainant from production and airing of TV programs; deny complainant memberships and other opportunities; damage complainant’s reputation by false advertisement and other adverse actions, e.g., suspension for two years, and further two years of probation; threat of arrest if enter the building, etc., while MCT and FPA staff and board directors violate the laws, regulations and even their own rules.

Despite I have been mentally and physically strong and healthy; successfully raised my families; actively participated in civic activities; resided in the same location for decades; and have run for public offices since 1994, including U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate and Maryland State-wide Comptroller, Maryland state senate, Rockville city Mayor/ Council. I have successfully attained my educational goal of Ph. D. in economics. My two children with two years early graduation from high schools; son, double majors in math and physics in three years; champions in state-wide mathematics (N.J. and Md); both children, graduates of MIT; one Ph. D., one MA.

November 3, 2010, I was falsely arrested by Rockville City Police, because I wanted to register to vote, but was denied. Rockville city police and related “Murder-fraud-crime-injustice networks” had denied complainant to testify, enter public places even before we were evicted; now denied the complainant to vote, or even just to give registration form to fill. They had removed complainant’s name from voter list; as they have unlawfully robbed our home, rights, properties, assets, accounts, cars, etc; with threat, coercion, harassment, intimidation, death threat, burglary, fraudulent sales of cars, theft, identity theft, injuries, victimization, retaliation; false guardianship, power of attorney, false arrests, forced medication, injury, etc. (see separate complaint with subject on: health services, “MURDER-fraud-crime-injustice networks”); evicted us from our own home (with homeownership for decades, see separate complaint with subject on false foreclosure and related fraud-crime-injustice networks); and later evicted us from two renting places with brutality and unjust practices; without faults on our parts. Their patterns of unjust practices, conspiracies, false excuses, statements, documents, etc., are ongoing, penetrating every segment of our lives; expanding here to overseas; very cruel, tyrannical; lack of ethical immoral values; denial or deprivation of people’s income, social program benefits (disabilities retirement, SSI, Widow’s); cause financial hardship; foreclosure or false foreclosure, bribery to homeowners’ lawyers (with foreclosure proceeds by the court auditors- private attorneys, e.g., Robert Romero); false eviction, exile; denied complainant to choose where to live, to have freedom of speech; to testify before government bodies; to affiliate with organizations; to participate in civic and community activities; to ruin complainant’s identification, citizenship and social security status; denied voting and democratic process; deprive of all rights and protection under the U.S. Constitution, laws and regulations (state and local). It is like under dictatorship in foreign country, causing exiles, refugees, disasters and suffering, while refusing them to vote or elect their leadership. It is like labeling immigrants illegal or undocumented while depriving their status and denying their opportunities. destroy individuals, families, society, democracy, justice,
Thus unethical workers chose not to work there against those officials. This is the wrong time in the wrong place; and those who oppose fraud-crime-injustice networks" could be worse. I could be dead. There had been one young cheerful detainee dead in about a month since I had been one young cheerful detainee. The forced medication had been denied; and was not free to go. Complainant was handcuffed and then transported back to further detention with their conspiracies to have FORCED MEDICATION and thus torture and injury on complainant. Complainant STRONGLY OPPOSED.

For the first three months since I was detained, I was still physically healthy and strong, without medication; without problems physically. I actively participated in various activities. SFHC had planned to released me on January 5, 2010, as SFHC anticipated that it had been 63 days of detention, i.e., beyond maximum penalty of 60 days). But SFHC and related fraud-crime-networks designed a secret attempt to FORCED MEDICATION and injury against complainant. Judge James Sasfield and prosecutor Nunlpy (?) refused to release complainant, even on January 12, 2010 (70 days of detention); and placed me under "fraud-crime-injustice networks" for unjust arbitrary disposal and conspiracies among unethical health professional in SFHC and related "murder-fraud-crime-injustice networks"; including forensic services; Jolie Smith (DHMH), Kevin Knight (SFHC); psychologists, Francois Reynolds and Carla Carvell; psychiatrists (Dr. Valadez who refused to give full name), social workers, clinical review panels, Office of Administrative Hearing, judicial/court personnel, etc.), Md.DHMH (Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygine), and legal assistance provider Ria Rochvarg, who involved in false guardianship, power of attorney, and "MURDER-fraud-crime-injustice networks" as complained previously. Such REPEATED false arrests with false excuses (i.e., disorder, noise, disobey orders), unjust detention in MCDC and hospital or mental facilities with forced medication are patterns of unjust practices with serious false excuses, cruelty, unlawful and tyrannical acts against innocent citizens. Such fraud-crime-injustice networks should be thoroughly investigated, prosecuted and punished.

Thus complainant was continued to be detained and forced to be medicated with adverse impacts on my health, brain, tongue and other physically capabilities. As a result, I was like a mental retarded. There were false diagnoses with forced unjust harmful medication in Springfield Hospital Center (SFHC) Sykesville, MD. The forced medication harm complainant mentally and physically; damage brain, speech and other physical capabilities. Such unjust immoral and unlawful injuries are extremely forms of TORETURE. This torture and cruelty are against humanity and justice system. It could be worse. I could be dead. There had been one young cheerful detainee dead in about a month since I had been detained in the same unit of SFHC there. It sounds scary.

Despite I mentioned the adverse impact, professional at SFHC refused to stop the medication except for a short one-week; then continue the medication, except the dosages were reduced slightly, but the adverse impact continued. This is an abuse, waste and counter-productive by the health services workers, professional (especially psychologists, psychiatrists, forensics services, and other workers) and judicial court personnel, as part of "murder-fraud-crime-injustice networks" operation, unjust manipulation and influence. Often, health care facilities are not for health care. It is basically a prison complex to detain and torture good citizens who might be falsely arrested at the wrong time in the wrong place; and those who oppose "official wrongdoing, conspiracies, corruption, etc." Thus unethical workers chosen to work there against those "anti-conspiracies" and "fighting corruption". Health facilities gain profits tremendously by charging to patients and receiving support from public fund and corruptive officials.
For more detail of unjust practices, etc., see complaints filed with the courts, SFHC, DHMH, and Official of Civil Rights, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Unfortunately, these agencies do not work properly and have failed to resolve problems. "Other agencies" are usually related to "MURDER- fraud- crime- injustice networks" (public, private, 3 branches, local- federal, law enforcement, police, sheriff, fire and rescue). They are interrelated, and should be investigated and prosecuted thoroughly. # # #
Date: May 28, 2011


CALL TO ACTION
CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

COMPLAINANT: Lih Ying Young, Ph. D. (Lihying Young, Ph. D.)
Email Address: [removed]
Mailing address: [removed] Rockville, MD 20849
Registered address: Do Not mail to this address.
 [removed] Rockville, Maryland 20854
(To reclaim homeownership, because of false foreclosure, eviction; robbery away

COMPLAINED AGAINST (recent incidences -continuing expanding):

Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Council, especially
Nancy Floreen
Roger Berliner

Valerie Ervin
Sonya E. Healy, Esq. Legal counsel/Chief of staff
( Check relation to Patrick Healy, esq. in New Jersey)
Jackie Steward
Public hearing coordinators/ substitute

Montgomery County Police Department
Rockville City Police Department
Sgt. Cowell,
Sadleton,
More....

Maryland General Assembly
Jamie Raskin,

Montgomery County Deletion, especially

U. S. Congress, Senate and House of Representatives,
Legal Staff, especially Sen. Durbin Office,
Unjust/ misleading legislative bills, despite being opposed strongly.
Complainants tried to communicate with officials/ staffs, but were obstructed, ignored.

American University, Washington, D. C., especially
Staff/ students, administrative offices (4801 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.)

Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
Security guard
Student
COMPLAINT- GENERAL COMPLAINED ISSUES:
Please incorporate other complaints, testimonies, public hearings before government bodies, law enforcement, local- federal; for more COMPLAINED ISSUES, PROBLEMS, FACTS.

"MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE- NETWORKS- OPERATION" = "robbery machine" = "super-class of tyranny-parasites-welfare" (private- public sectors, three branches, local- federal- global, including law enforcement, agencies, institutions, educational, non-profit organizations); CONTINUING, ON-GOING, EXPANDING, INFLTRATING, RELAYING; WITH THREATS, COERSION, UNLAWFUL/ UNCONSTITUTION, conspiracies, committed, involved, covered-up, suppressed unjust/unlawful/unjust acts, schemes, scams, manipulation, monitoring, influence to benefit themselves at the expanse of complainants/general public; victimization, discrimination, injuries, defamation; deprivation of rights (constitution, legal/litigation, due process, speech, affiliation/ association, possession, living places, etc.), resources (private, public), freedom of all forms; denied/ obstruct complainant/citizens to speak, complain, communicate; abuse/misuse of authorities., laws, personnel, resources, contractors; ignore/failure to resolve problems; unjust legislation, appropriation, public debt; social- political-media- election- legislation- appropriation- system problems; destroy individuals, families, children, communities, society, justice, peace; Unjust/abuse of laws, authorities; abduction, guardianship, power of attorney, attempts to deprive the rights of wife and families, properties, benefits (life insurances, health insurances, pension), assets, vehicles, homes, etc.

Government agencies did not resolve complained issues against the fraud- crime- injustice networks which deprive, destroy, damage our assets(home, properties, reputation, cars, documents, belongings etc.; injure damage bodily, physically, mentally; endless unjust practices, e.g., false foreclosure, evictions,(from home that we owned and renting places with no fault of our own, no default payment); causing poverty, homelessness; obstruct, destruct activities, liberty, freedom (individual, family, business, civic, political, community services; freedom of speech, communication, association, etc.).#

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COMPLAINT AGAINST MEDIA AND RELATED "MURDER- FRAUD- CRIME- INJUSTICE NETWORKS" operation, unjust practices, manipulation, monitoring, influence; conspiracies, committed, involved, covered up unlawful, unjust acts, falsification, manipulation, influence; Obstruct civic activities/ community services; deprive/damage of rights, resources, reputation, production, etc; MCT/ Access Montgomery (Montgomery Community Television, Montgomery Access Television, Access Channels 19 and 21, Montgomery County, Maryland); Regarding the candidate taping and airing for upcoming election for MCT/ Access Montgomery: (a). We have not be informed; (b). On or about 8/3/2010, I have tried several times and did contact by phone to several staff in MCT/ Access Montgomery (Montgomery Community Television), including the following, but we still have not received any response to have an opportunity for candidate taping, Executive Director, Mertyn Reineke; Larry Merewitz Whom Reineke told me is responsible for the candidate taping; 301-424-1730x311: G. Gadarawsji (?), 301-424-1730x349. No email address of officials, Members of the Board of Directors and staff, except web-tech contact, web@mct-tv.org. On 8/23/2010, Dr. Lih Young sent email to web@mct-tv.org regarding the problems, and asked him/her to send my email to: officials, Members of the Board of Directors, and staff, and ask each of them to respond. But the Lih Young still has not received any response. In public Hearings, telecasts, councilmen/ legal staff/ moderators: unjust manipulation, obstruction, denial citizen to speak. Etc. e.g., Montgomery County Council, Maryland, Sonia Healy, Susan Kennedy, Jackie Steward (?). ###

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Dr. Lih Young for U.S. Congress
Democrat, Maryland Congressional District 8, 2014

Challenge & change...
Liberty: justice: peace: now!

Ph.D. Economist, Reformer, advocate, activist. TV programs producer/host/speaker on social issues, local-global.
Candidate for public office since 1994, local-federal.

Alert:

- Work to do: Social Justice in Great Danger! The most urgent serious problems here and overseas: Robberies, "Murder-Fraud-Crime-Injustice Networks" operation, bad guys propaganda, self-promotion, better pay-benefits for themselves; victimize others = destroying freedom, fairness, democracy, capitalism, change, on-going, expanding, generating civic non-profit, women, minorities. Too much theft, fraud, manipulation, injustice, environmental, social injustice.

- Oppose: "Public Finance Making Small Donors Fundraising" - falsely named "Fair Election Act," "Government by the People," whatever. It is simply "Government by Bad Guys".

- UNJUST killing: not just gun shooting, false imprisonment, rehab, medication, injection, accident, brutality, freezing, hunging, raping...

- Many people misdiagnosed, hospitalized/imprisoned as mentally ill; really, political prisoners; dianoses, victimized/benefited; resources/benefits to private, public, Viet, Medicare, etc...

- Living wage = min for survival in social justice. Not enough when injustice, unlawful traffic, fees...

- CIA agencies, local federal have no accountability! Lists of problems: waste, abuse, official misconduct.

- Urge @(White House, Congress to investigate。” BOP, MDC-MD 000-0037 www.regulation.org suppress/concussion public comments on federal solidarity CNU)

- Prevent hidden agenda; to divert taxpayers' resources to benefit "BAD GUYS"; more laws/laws where the need not be.

- Some may be unjustly manipulated, misled, misguided. Other problems: phony names, double names, no names +1st gate records/concerns records/files, transcripts, appeals; could not make copies, expensive fraudulent false of records, improper accounting, procedures, transaction, booking, and account processing.

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- Urge to reopen/investigate/prosecute: "Murder-Fraud-Crime-Injustice Networks" operation, steal, destruction, obstruction, tampering; daily of people's lives/resources/rights/reputation; steal, murders, money, equipment, facilities; computers, internet, social media, work, documents, files, vendors guides, websites. DNet (by League of Women Voters, Congress.org, links...).

Website: vote-md.org/listen.aspx?hrm=young
See other websites, voter guides. Also look for previous elections for offices, still relevant. Social issues: interests, horizontally, vertically, local-global.

Bio Background:
Reformer, advocate, activist, TV programs producer/host/speaker. Ph.D. econ, Strong expertise, commitment to public interest, to solve "toxic political-economic-media-budget-legislative-system problems." Interrelated: freedom, fairness, democracy, capitalism, on-going, expanding, generating civic non-profit, women, minorities. Too much theft, fraud, manipulation, injustice, environmental, social injustice.

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Dear Mr. Bell,

First I wanted to thank you and the panel for being very gracious.....it was a very positive experience for me and I am thankful that everyone listened without interrupting me until I went over the time limit.

Second, I am very thankful for being given the opportunity to speak a second time.

Third, I reflected on one of the comments given by one of the social welfare funds - that disclosure of the anonymous donors will lead to harassment of the donors. Please forward this to all on the commission:

Please keep in mind that anyone can go to the FEC or State BOE websites and pull up campaign disclosure reports, and get the names and addresses of all direct campaign donors. I haven't heard of any reports of those disclosed donors being harassed, have you? Why would it be any different for social welfare fund donors?

I know the name of the hedge fund executive I spoke of who contributed a million dollars to a SuperPac, yet it never crossed my mind to cause him any harm. SuperPac donors are disclosed and I haven't heard any reports of them being harmed or harassed, have you? Why would it be any different for Social Welfare Fund donors?

Fourth, the assertion by the Social Welfare Fund representatives that it will hamper/limit free speech is mute, since the disclosure of direct campaign contributors and SuperPac contributors is evidence that disclosure is not inhibiting free speech.

I hope the commission rules in favor of democracy and requires disclosure of all donors involved in the political process, and reiterate that only the social welfare funds that participate in elections via indirect electioneering communications, and/or independent expenditures, and/or direct contributions to campaigns or PACs should be required to disclose their donors.

Best,

Linda McGregor

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From: "ABell@fec.gov" <ABell@fec.gov>
To: ABell@fec.gov
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2015 6:26 PM
Subject: Resending: Witness Schedule for February 11, 2015 Hearing

Thank you for your request to testify at next week’s Commission hearing on REG 2014-01, Earmarking, Affiliation, Joint Fundraising, Disclosure, and Other Issues. This email contains important information for you about the hearing.

The hearing schedule is attached. The Commission is inviting you to testify for up to three minutes during either of the periods designated "Individual Witness Testimony." Please indicate by return email whether you would prefer to appear before the Commission during the individual witness testimony session.
beginning at 10:45 a.m. or during the session beginning at 4:00 p.m. So that the Commission may endeavor to accommodate each witness's preferred time period, please let us know your preference before 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, February 9.

The hearing will be held in the Commission's 9th floor hearing room, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. You will be required to go through security upon entering the building and be escorted to the 9th floor -- please plan your arrival time accordingly.

Kindly confirm your receipt of this email. If you have any questions about this email, please contact us by reply email or at (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.
STATEMENT BY
ELISABETH MACNAMARA, PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
HEARING ON
“CORRUPTION IN OUR POLITICAL PROCESS”

February 11, 2015

Madame Chair, members of the Commission, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about what the Federal Election Commission (FEC) can do to “address corruption in our political process.” The League of Women Voters believes that the FEC has the authority and responsibility to develop new disclosure regulations and new rules covering so-called “independent” expenditures.

I am testifying today on behalf of the League of Women Voters, a volunteer citizens group organized in more than 800 communities and in every State, with more than 150,000 members and supporters nationwide. That is the perspective that we bring to this discussion – the perspective of concerned citizens and voters – not the perspective of the regulated community or the political operatives and attorneys who support them. We believe that this perspective has too often been missing from the fights here in Washington, and in this agency, over campaign finance regulation.

One of my duties as president of the League is to travel around the country talking with our members and other concerned citizens. I want to report to you that voters care deeply about this issue of campaign finance and corruption. They certainly don’t express it in the terms usually employed here in our nation’s capital – “earmarking, affiliated organizations, electioneering communications” – but they understand that money in politics is a critical issue for the functioning of our democracy. And voters understand that billionaires and secret organizations don’t represent them….that huge sums of money corrupt our political system.

In 2014, as millions of Americans went to the polls to vote on the issues and candidates that mattered most to them, millions of dollars of secret money poured into the election from dark money groups which hide the identity of their donors, seeking to buy our elected officials and distort our elections. And we won’t ever know who paid for all of the ads that bombarded voters throughout the election.

The FEC can do something to stop the secret money. We urge you to set new rules requiring full disclosure in our elections.
SuperPACs raised and spent more than $600 million dollars in 2014 to elect or defeat candidates, and will continue to raise and spend unlimited amounts because they are supposedly “independent” from the candidates when, in reality, there are many ways to coordinate.

The FEC can do something to stop the Super PACs and other outside groups from coordinating with candidates. The League urges you to do so.

The actions we propose today are entirely consistent with the Supreme Court’s decision in *McCutcheon v. FEC*, as well as *Citizens United v. FEC*.

As you know, the Court in *Citizens United* said that disclosure is important to “providing the electorate with information.” It also supported disclaimer requirements “so that the people will be able to evaluate the arguments to which they are being subjected.” We couldn’t agree more. Indeed, the Court spoke as if disclosure is already required. We ask that you update FEC regulations to provide for such full disclosure so that the Court’s decision in *Citizens United* does not continue as the giant loophole for secret giving that it has become.

While the Court in *Citizens United* decision made clear that truly independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate campaign are constitutionally protected, we all know that much of the so-called “independent” spending we have seen in recent years is not independent at all. Because such spending so often amounts to a contribution assisting a candidate’s campaign, the FEC can act to ensure that outside spending is truly independent. In other words, the Supreme Court’s decision assumes that regulations are in place to ensure that “independent” groups are not acting “in concert with or cooperation with” a campaign.

With the Supreme Court, we believe that the American voter has a right to know who is funding political campaigns. The most important thing we can do to preserve the integrity of our electoral process is to increase transparency and let the sunlight shine in. Disclosure is the key to allowing voters to make their own decisions and guard against the inevitable corruption that comes with secret money.

Currently, corporations of all types, including trade associations and non-profit advocacy groups, as well as unions and wealthy individuals, can make unlimited secret contributions to efforts seeking to elect or defeat federal candidates.

This is unacceptable in a democracy. Secret money has no place in America’s elections. Voters deserve to know -- have a right to know -- who is making unlimited political expenditures and influencing elections.

In *McCutcheon*, the Court reiterated the importance of disclosure, saying that “disclosure of contributions minimizes the potential for abuse of the campaign finance system.” They “deter actual corruption and avoid the appearance of corruption by exposing large contributions and expenditures to the light of publicity.”

However, the Center for Responsive Politics reports that almost a third of outside spending since 2010 has been from dark money groups, amounting to at least $617 million of dark money in our elections, and the Brennan Center calculated that roughly 91 percent of the
money spent in the 2014 Senate races by groups that hid some or all of their donors went to the eleven most competitive contests. And in those eleven contests, 59 percent of non-party outside spending came from groups that hid some or all of their donors.

Fair and clean elections, determined by the votes of American citizens, should be at the center of our democracy. Enhanced disclosure is the most basic step toward protecting the role of voters and ensuring that they can make informed decisions.

The League also believes that the American public has a right to have the law against unlimited coordinated expenditures strictly enforced. Explicit new regulations are needed. The Supreme Court is clear that expenditures that are not truly independent of a candidate campaign can be regulated. And the definition of coordination can be quite broad. As the Court has said, “[E]xpenditures made after a ‘wink or nod’ will be ‘as useful to the candidate as cash.’”

We see future presidential candidates flocking to meetings with billionaire funders who will be making supposedly independent expenditures, as well as so-called independent committees that have become a usual and expected element of any presidential campaign.

And we now have single-candidate SuperPACs. The single-candidate SuperPAC is based on the notion that a candidate can help raise money for a SuperPAC dedicated only to his or her election, and the expenditures by the SuperPAC are “independent” of that candidate. The general public can see through this subterfuge even if Washington lawyers cannot.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, outside spending almost tripled between the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, more than quadrupled between the 2006 and 2010 midterm elections, and then almost doubled again between the 2010 and 2014 midterm elections. Outside groups now spend more than candidates themselves in tightly contested congressional elections.

It is time for the FEC to step in and recognize that the fact that coordinated spending is occurring and must be better regulated. Candidates should not be allowed to solicit funds or assist in fundraising for outside groups that engage in independent campaigns. Campaign professionals should not be able to play musical chairs between candidate campaigns and independent spending groups. And family members should not be in the position of setting up supposedly independent activities.

In closing, I’d like to say that every American, and this commission, must work to maintain the integrity of our democracy by ensuring our elected official will be responsive to voters, not to the big money and the secret money from special interests. The stakes are too high, and the League will not stand by and let our political system be corrupted.

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