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Dear Ms. Dove:

I am an active volunteer for Barack Obama, and my candidate would probably benefit from a ruling denying matching funds to John Edwards because of the intermediary role played by ActBlue.org in collecting many of his individual donations. Nevertheless, I think it would be contrary to the clear spirit of the public financing laws to deny public funds to the Edwards campaign for that reason.

ActBlue.org has played a valuable role in encouraging and enabling small donations to many campaigns, and our political system would be greatly improved if such contributions were encouraged. There is no reason, in the spirit of the public campaign financing laws, to deny matching contributions to a campaign simply because it has collected individual contributions through an intermediary organization such as ActBlue.org.

Sincerely,

Leland S. Van Koten