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Comment: I am writing to comment on Draft Advisory Opinion 2007-31. I urge the Commission to reject Draft AO 2007-31, and permit individual credit card contributions made online through ActBlue to be matched under the Matching Fund Act.

As a supporter of public financing, I believe the Commission should be removing obstacles for presidential candidates to participate in the matching funds system. If Draft AO 2007-31 passes, it means the FEC has taken the position that it's OK to raise millions of dollars from special interests and lobbyists -- but the money raised in small amounts from thousands of hard working Americans who care about their country doesn't count.

I understand that individuals' contributions through a presidential candidate'€™s web site are readily matchable. Why should an online contribution through ActBlue be any less matchable? ActBlue helps facilitate those small dollar contributions. There's no reason contributions via ActBlue should not count for public financing purposes.

The draft advisory opinion barely addresses this question, much less provides an answer, and it should therefore be rejected by the Commission.

Thank you.

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