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Comment: I am writing to comment on Draft Advisory Opinion 2007-31. I think that it is important for the Commission to understand that Act Blue is a way for people to contribute to candidates on line. What actually happens is that you go to Act Blue and choose your candidate and dedicate your money specifically to your candidate. Act Blue then sends on what you've donated. The money *doesn't* go to ActBlue in one big bundle and then Act Blue decides where to spend a lump of cash.

It's really about making it easy for individual donors to donate to the candidates they want rather than having to go hopping around the internet trying to find individual sites that may or may not have decent security settings. With Act Blue there is confidence that you don't have to worry about identity theft. This isn't about big money in politics buying politicians. It's about small money donors funding the candidates of their choice. I'm from Massachusetts and last year I donated to congressional races in Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania. Eric Massa, Joe Sestak and John Laesch were all Act Blue candidates.

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. It's one way to keep people involved in our democracy.

Thank you. Maureen McGettigan