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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. I urge the Commission to permit individual credit card contributions made online through ActBlue to be matched under the Matching Fund Act.

As a very strong supporter of public financing, I believe the Commission should be removing obstacles for presidential candidates to participate in the matching funds system. I believe the Commission should be embracing and facilitating new technologies and grassroots financing of presidential campaigns. Draft AO 2007-31, on the other hand, would have the Commission erect new barriers to participation in matching funds.

I understand that individuals' contributions through a presidential candidate's web site are readily matchable. Using this logic,it seems to me that online contributions through ActBlue should also be matchable. The draft advisory opinion does not directly address this set of circumstances and it should therefore be rejected by the Commission.

Thank you very much for your consideration.