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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.

I am a supporter of public financing and I believe the Commission should be removing obstacles for presidential candidates to participate in the matching funds system. The Commission should be embracing 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. Why should an online contribution through ActBlue be any less matchable? The draft advisory opinion barely addresses this question, much less provides an answer, and it should therefore be rejected by the Commission.

Furthuremore ActBlue has made it possible for me as a small grassroots supporter to make my voice heard in the political process; allowing me the same priviledge the large donor commity has had all along. I belive that the draft Advisory opinion 2007-31 will effectly silence grassroots supportes like me by greatly dimishing our impact on the political process. The FEC should be able ensuring all voices are heard in the political process, not just the large donor.

Respectfuly,

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