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Comment: I've heard it dozens of times: "I really want to help, but I just can't give any more." In my work with John Edwards for President, I've been in touch with many people who do what they can for their country, but have limited means. I've also experienced their sense of empowerment when these grassroots contributers realize that through Public Financing their seemingly small donation can work twice as hard towards getting their candidate elected.

I am commenting on Draft Advisory Opinion 2007-31. This Draft takes power away from the contributions of regular Americans and leaves it with the lobbyists and large corporations. I urge the Commission to protect the interests of small donors by rejecting Draft AO 2007-31 and permitting individual credit card contributions made online through ActBlue to be matched under the Matching Fund Act. By broadening the reach of the matching funds program to include donations through ActBlue, the FEC would be reminding the American people that they too are an important part of Democracy.

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.

Thank you.