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Comment: Hi,

I have made a small but significant for me ($50) donation to the Edwards campaign via Act Blue, with the full intention that it be matched by Federal Matching funds. I am but a student, but it is my belief and understanding that the entire point of this system is to take the election out of the hands of the PACs and return it to us, the voters. Thank you for assuring that, in this day and age, electronic grassroots donations of small amounts by individuals like myself be recognized as exactly the type of activity that we intend to encourage, not discourage, with the Federal matching fund system.

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. 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 candidateâ€™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.