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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.

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 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.

Perhaps this is not the correct forum to bring about such change FOR DEMOCRACY. But I can tell you that change will come. The people grow tired of "same-old same-old" in politics, particularly in the area of campaigns and how only the rich through massive money and powerful position hold sway in campaigns, elections, and government in general while folks just getting by can't seem to pool their money to make a difference. As I said... that may be now; however, change is coming. We will take this country back!

FOR NOW... Please allow grass roots politics to thrive. Please allow matching funds through grass roots PACs like ActBlue.

Thank you.

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