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Subject:	Proposed FEC regulation on matching funds
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Dear Ms Dove:

I'm writing (as a taxpayer, a voter, and an 'ordinary American') to tell you that the reported FEC intent to hold that ActBlue contributions are not matchable, is wrong wrong wrong.

I am strongly in favor of publicly financed elections and an expanded FEC role therein. I am also in favor of groups like ActBlue, to which I have contributed, because they are an efficient way of channeling small contributions (such as mine) to the candidates and political movements of my choice.

I believe the public's role in political campaigns should be enlarged, not reduced, which is what the FEC's draft proposal would do. ActBlue contributions MUST be matchable by public funds, in order to make the public's voice stronger.

I hope you will ensure the FEC acts to make the public's voice stronger in our election system!

Thank you.

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