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Dear Chair Dove:
I am writing to comment on the pending decision regarding ActBlue and matching funds for the Edwards campaign. I am the editor of techPresident.com, a nonpartisan awardwinning group blog on how the candidates are using the web.
In my opinion, it would be a gross misreading of the law to deny public matching funds to the small donations made to the Edwards campaign simply because they flowed through ActBlue's site. Though ActBlue is technically registered as a political committee, it actually functions as something far more decentralized. It essential enables thousands os small donors and active citizens to visibly pool their donations, without needing to master the complicated and expensive process for filing donation reports to the FEC. By providing that vital service, ActBlue--and similar online platforms designed to support Repubkican donors--is enhancing the democratic process and very goals behind the public matching funds system. These sites should be recognized as something new and worth encouraging.
Sincerely,
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