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Ms. Dove;

I am very upset, that as a person living on a fixed income, who sacrificed a great deal so I could give to, and have my limited small donations matched by the Federal Government, that most of my efforts are now to be discounted.
I used the internet option of ActBlue to make my donations, believing that it was set up to help independant folks like myself direct my small contributions safely and directly, and at less processing charges to my candidates campaign.
I made almost all of those donations with the express purpose of having those funds matched, and now I am feeling disenfranchised and, if money is speech in our current system, silenced.
I could have as easily have used my candidates website for processing my donations, but felt processing agents like ActBlue encouraged participation in our democracy by poor and disabled people like myself.
I had hoped that those donations, once matched, might dilute some of the obcene amounts of money pouring into our political system thrucorporations and their lobbyists.
I worry that this impending ruling by your Commission might be the result of a policy of suppressing Democratic Votes in much the same way we are hearing has been the policy of the Justice Department.
Please take into consideration that most, if not all of us who donated thru what we believed was a mere processing agent, and not a Political Action Committee for these express processing purposes, will view any ruling barring matching funds as suppression of our speech, and not in keeping with the spirit of campaign finance laws.

Gary Stewart