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To the Federal Election Commission:

I'm very concerned about the possibility that the FEC may deem individual contributions to a presidental candidate through ActBlue ineligible for federal matching funds.

As you know, ActBlue really functions as a clearing house for individual donors. It does not endorse candidates or single them out for more or less funding--indeed, it routinely processes contributions to multiple candidates running for the same position, as long as they are Democrats. It makes it much easier for individual donors to take part in the political system--the very concept that federal matching funds seem designed to honor as well.

I hope you will make the correct decision on this matter, and find individual donations submitted through ActBlue eligible for federal matching funds.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

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