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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.

Donors, using their basic intelligence and common sense, expected their donations through ActBlue to be matched, so they donated through ActBlue. These are people who have little to give. They'd have donated directly to the candidates of their choice had they known that Draft AO 2007-31 would not match donations made through ActBlue. Is this a sneaky way of trying to hurt the campaign of the candidate who has the best chance of winning. I'm sure ActBlue is in a state of shock So am I. I am not at all happy.

Thank you.