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SUBJECT: Internet "Blogging" Freedom

Dear Commissioners:

As a taxpaying, independent voter and as a reader of web logs known as "blogs", I implore you to cease in any attempts to regulate blogs as paid political speech. Please resist any attempts to afflict blogs with totalitarian suppression, bureaucratic investigation, Taxation, government oversight or control.

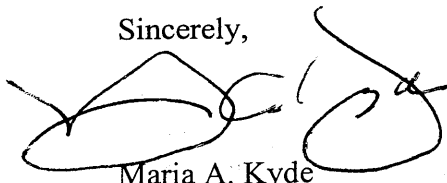
I am not a "Blogger". I do not financially support blogs through donation or in any other way. I have financially supported certain PACs for which my donations are regulated and are not tax deductible. A blog has never caused me to make any political or election-related decision, nor has any blog ever elicited from me any response to a regulated PAC or any other political entity.

I have long found blogs to be a valuable forum for discerning facts and opinions. Blogs provide welcome, varied, even disparate alternatives to Mainstream Media. Any attempt to police or tax blogs as an outcome of the McCain-Feingold or the Shays-Meehan Acts violates the principles of individual liberty and of freedom of speech and association the US is supposed to hold dear.

I have seen that many blogs appear to be labors of love on the part of their authors and on the parts of their readers. In the many blogs I have visited and read no one appears to be making any money for any partisan interest. Let's not interfere with many bloggers' generosity and dedication to service.

Please remove your focus from blogs. Let us continue to enjoy these wonderful examples of American ingenuity and intelligence.

Sincerely,



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