



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rosemary C. Smith  
Associate General Counsel

**FROM:** Office of the Commission Secretary *Murd*

**DATE:** April 8, 2004

**SUBJECT:** *Ex Parte* Communication regarding the  
Rulemaking on Political Committee Status

Attached is an e-mail received by Commissioner Thomas regarding the above-captioned matter.

**cc:** Commissioners  
Staff Director  
General Counsel  
Press Office  
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**Attachment**





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TO: Mary Dove  
Commission Secretary

FROM: Scott E. Thomas  
Commissioner 

SUBJECT: *Ex parte* communication

Please process the attached as an *ex parte* communication in connection with the pending rulemaking on "political committee" status.





b-king@att.net  
04/08/2004 10:56 AM

To sthomas@fec.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Don't Let Them Silence Your Voice! (fwd)

All my email angels are very nervous! xoxo Betty

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Betty King  
4233 Royal Palm Avenue  
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305/535-6867

----- Forwarded Message: -----  
From: "Working Families e-Activist Network" <peoplepower@aflcio.org>  
To: "Betty King" <b-king@att.net>  
Subject: Don't Let Them Silence Your Voice!  
Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2004 00:45:26 +0000

Dear Working Families e-Activist:

Your voice on overtime pay and other issues could be cut off if proposed rules become law. To help stifle criticism of President George W. Bush's policies during an election year, the Republican National Committee is pressing the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to issue new rules that would shut down unions and other groups that dare to communicate with the public in any way critical of President Bush. Act now by clicking on the link below or keep reading for more information.  
<http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/fec/858wu744ij3xt>

The FEC now is proposing to redefine and broaden the scope of political organization definitions. For example, any union, group, corporation, advocacy group, charity or nonfederal "527" political organization that spends money on issue advocacy and nonpartisan voter outreach and says anything that might lead the FEC to conclude that the purpose is to influence the election could fall under these new regulations.

This is an outrageous assault on your free speech because under these new rules, the AFL-CIO and our unions would have to stop our campaign work on overtime pay, good jobs, health care and other issues. What happens if Bush finalizes the overtime pay take-away? We all need to be able to talk about the issues most important to our families wherever and whenever we can.

The FEC is accepting written comments about these regulations before the close of business this Friday, April 9. Please take one minute right now to submit your comment by clicking on the link below.  
<http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/fec/858wu744ij3xt>

After you act, please ask your friends, family and co-workers to get involved by clicking on the link below.  
<http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/fec/forward/858wu744ij3xt>

Thanks for all you do.

In Solidarity,

Working Families e-Activist Network, AFL-CIO  
April 7, 2004

P.S.

For more information on the FEC, check this out:  
<http://www.unionvoice.org/ct/J11PeVY1hpGI/>

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