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Hello -- I am writing to offer a position on Secretary Gessler's proposed revisions to Colorado's campaign finance rules. I am all in favor of his proposed revisions. I think the current rules stifle speech, especially for those who seek to coordinate their actions via a non-profit corporation, issue committee or any other type of group. Even the supposed basis for the current finance rules to keep big money from corrupting the electoral and advocacy process is a complete joke when one sees a reporting threshold of \$200. I don't know who considers \$200 to be "big money", but I feel sorry for them.

Concerned citizens who come together to support one another on a given issue should be free to work on articulating their message and their views. Political involvement shouldn't require spending more time accounting for income and expenditures, and trying to understand some byzantine code of laws than in working on the issues one feels strongly about. The only reason one would support laws of the kind we have in Colorado regarding campaign finance is because they want to squash free speech before it has even taken place.

To Secretary Gessler I say, "Revise, and perhaps hopefully one day do away with, these onerous, stifling regulations."

Sincerely,
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