

Andrea Gyger

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jason Letman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Andrea Gyger
Subject: 8 CCR 1505-6 Campaign Finance Laws

To: Andrea Gyger at andrea.gyger@sos.state.co.us.

Re: 8 CCR 1505-6

Ms. Gyger,

I'm writing in reference to the proposed changes to the campaign finance rules.

While I am a supporter of no restrictions on the freedom of speech, I think that the proposed rules in large part are a step toward more freedom of speech in Colorado.

Specifically, I think raising the minimums for reporting is important because it allows small activists to enter the political arena. Otherwise, they are subject to rules that would require lots of time, money, and possibly legal council just to oppose an issue on a small scale.

I think the clearer definitions of Electioneering and Issue Committees are also a benefit to the new rules.

The most important change is the privacy provision. If people are scared to speak or to donate to speakers who advocate their position because their names will be public and they fear for their safety, we have taken a major step backwards in our society. I think it is paramount that individuals be given the opportunity to support controversial causes anonymously.

The only change I disapprove of is the increased reporting requirements in 10.1 and 10.2.

With that said, feel free to publish my comments along with my name, but please remove my email address from publication.

Thank you,

Jason Letman
Denver, CO