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Hi,

I certainly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the campaign finance rules, as I have found that there are things that make campaigning and getting contributions more difficult than necessary. My comments aren't so specific about wording, but I do have a few conceptual comments:

Section 10.3: (affects other sections, such as 10.2 ...)

We have always had trouble with the "less than \$20 can be anonymous" limit. People want to give \$20, and we know who they are, but they don't want to be reported. We have been compensating by giving a penny back. But it's annoying. Is there any reason why the limit can't be "greater than \$20 must be reported"?

Section 10.2.3

Similar to the above in Section 10.3. Why can't it be "more than \$100"?

Section 10.16.d:

Spreading a contributors donation across state, county, and local is really confusing and sets parties against each other. For example, county parties are unlikely to cooperate with the state party, because contributions given to the state is an amount the county can't receive from the same donor. Not only that, but the parties don't internally know what the donor has contributed to anyone else when they receive a donation. As far as I know, the SOS doesn't provide that information to the parties either.

Personally, would favor having limited amounts be specified per party, in order to avoid pitting local/county/state parties (especially of the same affiliation) against each other.

Those are my comments. Do I need to be specific about wording changes throughout the document?

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