

Andrea Gyger

From: Kelley Nielsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 8:09 AM
To: Andrea Gyger
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 8+CCR+1505-6:+Proposed+Revisions+to+Campaign+Finance+Rules

Dear Ms. Gyger,

I am writing concerning the Proposed Revisions and Amendments to the Secretary of State's 'Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance'.

I am interested in this issue because I was a donor to The Coalition for Secular Government's publication "The 'Personhood' Movement Is

Anti-Life: Why It Matters that Rights Begin at Birth, Not Conception", which addresses an issue that could potentially affect the entire country.

It is a violation of the individual rights of United States citizens to interfere with their political activity. In order for our government to function properly, citizens must be left free to contribute and participate without fear of retribution or harassment. This is particularly true in the case of small ad-hoc issue committees such as the Coalition for Secular Government. I understand that the intent of the campaign finance law is to promote fairness in elections, but they unintentionally achieve the opposite: they intimidate ordinary citizens whose donations and expenditures are near the donation threshold.

Please raise the threshold as high as possible. Five thousand dollars is not high enough, but it is less onerous than two hundred dollars. Also, please do anything and everything within your power to abolish campaign finance laws altogether, and to uphold our right of free speech.

Sincerely,

Kelley Nielsen