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**From:** Stephen Bailey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 07, 2011 8:15 AM  
**To:** Andrea Gyger; Public Elections  
**Subject:** Proposed Revision of Campaign & Political Finance Rules

Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for the draft revisions of the Campaign and Political Finance Rules. Although I understand that the Secretary is required to enforce the State Constitution, the State Constitution is in violation of the United States Constitution's first amendment which clearly states that Congress cannot pass any laws that infringe the freedom of speech. The regulations and burdens created by our State Constitution on the exercise of political speech, in practice, infringe our 1st amendment guarantee to freedom of speech. Lessening the current burden via rule making permitted under the State Constitution marginally decreases the infringement of this important right and is a very modest step in the right direction.

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