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Hon. William K. Suter
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United States Supreme Court
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Washington, DC 20543

Re: *RNC v. FEC, et al. (02-1727-ATX); California Democratic Party, et al. (02-1753-ATX); Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (02-1733-ATX)*

Dear Mr. Suter:

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated June 5, 2003, and the accompanying memorandum from the Clerk's Office, we hereby submit this response on behalf of all national, state, and local political party plaintiffs, including the Republican National Committee; Republican Parties of Colorado, New Mexico, and Ohio; Dallas County (Iowa) Republican County Central Committee; Robert Michael Duncan; California Democratic Party; Art Torres; Yolo County Democratic Central Committee; California Republican Party; Shawn Steel; Timothy J. Morgan; Barbara Alby; Santa Cruz County Republican Central Committee; Douglas R. Boyd, Sr.; and the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

Although the various political party plaintiffs listed above joined on three separate complaints and three separate sets of briefs in the district court, as well as three separate jurisdictional statements in this Court, they propose to file a single, consolidated "Political Parties Brief" in this Court addressing the provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act ("BCRA") that uniquely regulate political parties. According to BCRA's sponsors, the prohibition in Title I of BCRA on solicitation, receipt, and spending of funds not regulated by federal law is the "centerpiece" of the legislation. *See* 147 Cong. Rec. S2444 (Statement of Senator Feingold) (Mar. 19, 2001); *see also* 148 Cong. Rec. H339 (Statement of Rep. Shays)

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(ban on soliciting, raising, and spending nonfederal funds is “the core of this legislation”) (Feb. 13, 2002). A substantial portion of the district court record relates to the issues affecting the political party plaintiffs, and each member of the three-judge district court devoted considerable attention to those issues in her or his respective opinion. The political party plaintiffs do not intend to address the restrictions on “electioneering communications” by interest groups in BCRA’s Title II. By joining together in a single brief, the political parties expect to be able to present all arguments affecting national, state, and local political party committees more cogently and comprehensively than if they filed separate briefs, as permitted by the Rules of this Court.

Accordingly, the political party plaintiffs propose to submit a single, opening brief of no more than 100 pages in length, which would address BCRA Sections 101(a)-(b), 213, 214, 304, and 319. They further propose to submit a joint reply brief of no more than 50 pages in length.

Sincerely,

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Nos. 02-1727(ATX), 02-1753(ATX), 02-1733(ATX)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, et al.

Appellants

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, et al.

Appellees

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, et al.

Appellants

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, et al.

Appellees

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, Inc.

Appellants

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, et al.

Appellees

LETTER TO CLERK OF COURT

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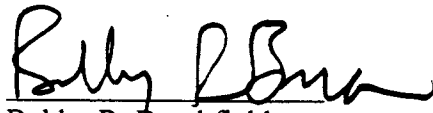
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