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New York City Campaign Finance Board

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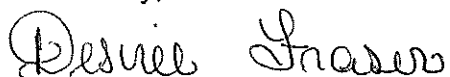
Dear New York City Campaign Finance Board:

In November of 2010 New York City voters approved an amendment to the City Charter requiring the disclosure of independent expenditures by individuals and groups trying to persuade voters on candidates and referenda on the ballot. I believe the Board is heading down the wrong path by drafting rules that do not exempt member-to-member communications.

I have been a member of the New York Hotel Trades Council since 1991. I was never really involved in politics or paid any attention to it for that matter. After working on campaigns with my Union I became actively engaged in national and local politics. If not propositioned by my Union I may still be a non-active voter. Since becoming engaged, I've explored joining the community board where I live.

I believe this is the type of participation the Campaign Finance Board should encourage. Unfortunately, your proposed rules would discourage membership organizations from talking to members about politics. In an environment like that, I believe even less people will participate, and that would be a great disservice to the working people of the City of New York.

Sincerely,

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