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New York City Campaign Finance Board
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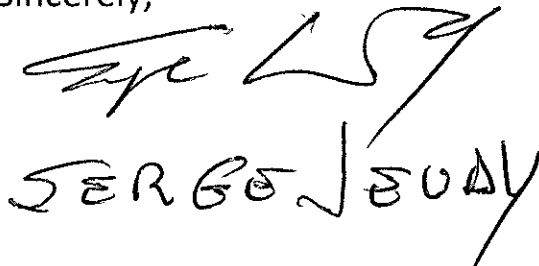
Dear New York City Campaign Finance Board:

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.

Everything in this country is politics. It's a good thing to advocate for politicians so that you can build support for issues you care about. Even before I joined the Union, I was involved in politics in Haiti. In the '70s I registered to vote and stayed involved in politics. In 1986 I joined the union, and since then I have found that the Union helps me engage my co-workers in the political process. I pass out flyers to other members about the importance of voting and I encourage them to register to vote.

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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