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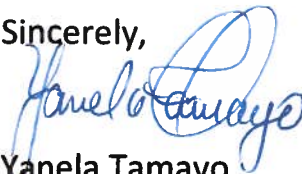
Dear New York City Campaign Finance Board:

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 joined the Hotel Trades Council in 1999, and registered to vote through the union in 2000. Years ago, when I joined the Union, we had a meeting with a senior official who asked us to name all of our elected representatives. I realized that I could only name President Bush and realized how little I knew about the politics and politicians that affect me, so I decided to change that by getting more involved in politics through the Union.

Since then I've participated in the Crowley, Squadron, Obama, Bloomberg, and Schneiderman campaigns doing canvassing, leafleting, member education, and voter registration. I use materials my Union prepares to help me have conversations with co-workers about why politics matters to us. These conversations are important and more people should be engaged in them, not less. Unfortunately, adopting the proposal rules, as is, would mean less people participate. I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,



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