

Andrea Gyger

From: Hannah Krening [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 6:59 AM
To: Andrea Gyger
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 8 CCR 1505-6: Proposed Revisions to Campaign Finance Rules

Categories: Rules

Dear Ms. Gyger,

I cannot attend the May 3 hearing due to work commitments, but I want to go on record as an advocate of real change in the campaign finance regulations whose existence is unfortunately dictated by the Colorado Constitution. It is an issue of nothing less than freedom of speech.

I contributed to one side in the highly charged "Personhood Amendments" and was fearful of the personal danger that public disclosure of my name, address and place of work could cause. I am not a big wig, I'm not wealthy. I am a concerned citizen who cares about politics and freedom, and so my contributions allow me to support the values I hold dear. Under new rules similar but just nominally better than the previous ones, I will be unable to be involved freely in the debates that are so important to me! And so my freedom of speech and privacy will be infringed upon once again.

Although my contributions will never be huge, another fact is critical here: the more important the issue, the more money I will wish to contribute, and thus the more my rights are violated. Even if I had a great sum of money to contribute, why should I be punished?

The result of the wrong rules will be a shutdown of concerned citizens wanting to make their voices heard. Individuals can be hampered by the wrong rules. Organizers of committees and other groups are also discouraged from taking part in the public discourse because of rules that are disrespectful of individual rights and punitive.

If campaign finance oversight is made truly minimal, protective of everyone's free speech, and limited to cases of fraud and corruption, I will consider your job well done.

Sincerely,
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