

Andrea Gyger

From: Kelley Nielsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 5:03 AM
To: Andrea Gyger
Subject: Campaign finance rules and free speech

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Re: 8 CCR 1505-6

Dear Ms. Gyger,

I pledged to support Diana Hsieh's and Ari Armstrong's "personhood" paper last year. Since then, I have been following their experiences with Colorado campaign finance law, and I am concerned about the lengths they had to go to in order to carry out the project I helped fund. The requirements for compliance that they faced were excessive and punitive.

Citizen voices are of fundamental importance to the political process of the United States. Requiring citizens to jump through numerous hoops in order to participate in political speech undermines the free exchange of ideas that is so important to the greatness of our nation. Please implement the proposed rule changes, especially the raising of the reporting threshold for issue committees from \$200 to \$5000. Remember that the decision your office make will have implications far outside the borders of Colorado.

Please feel free to use my name and email address in the published version of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Kelley Nielsen
San Jose, CA