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Subject: Campaign Finance Reform

Docket 87-268

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I know that money in American electoral politics is a fact of life. Forcing broadcasters to donate time to political parties and organizations would have a positive effect on the vitality of American democracy. It would not lessen the influence of money on politics, but would give a voice to alternative political parties who cannot afford the expensive ad time.

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Signed: john d. jones
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Signed: Debra Schneider
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Signed: Susan Bernofsky
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I agree with the above statements. Any candidate who is on the ballot in 40 or more states deserves an equal share of broadcast time, and that time should be spent presenting the candidate in person, not with advertisements for them.

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Signed: Jeremy Faludi
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Signed: Sylvia Olveda
E-Mail: sivi@hotmail.com

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