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Subject: Campaign Finance Reform

On Sun Nov 16 19:50:02 EST 1997 you received the following message:

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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**Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Commissioner Ness,

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Thus giving the American public access to ALL candidates and allowing a more informed choice in exercising their right to vote.

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Signed: Robin L. Mastro

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Signed: Warren Lewis
E-Mail: wlewis@u.washington.edu

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Signed: Antoinette Jaycox
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I believe that this is the only viable method to clean up the current morass in Washington. It's the only small hope we have of ever electing honest, un-compromised politicians.

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I also believe that the qualifications for such access to free air time should allow for the participation of candidates beyond the two major parties. The use of such a powerful communication medium for the interest of free expression of a variety of views would contribute significantly to the democratic experience for citizens of our country. Perhaps this would awaken a stronger sense of ownership and a desire to participate in our election process; a desire which appears all too dormant when voter turn-out is calculated each election season.

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Signed: Roy Gerstenberger
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