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Federal Election Commission
999 E St NW #910,
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Commissioners,

I write today to request that the Federal Election Commission delay for a short comment period the matter of rescinding Advisory Opinion 2006-15 currently scheduled for August 16th 2016. While I agree that there must be an absolute ban on campaign contributions from foreign corporations and their subsidiaries in all of our elections and fully support the rescission of Advisory Opinion 2006-15, I think it prudent to solicit public comment on the measure. Allowing a period of public comment will serve to highlight the grave risks of foreign interests seeking to influence our elections, a danger that was of less pressing concern prior to the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United* when the FEC decided Advisory Opinion 2006-15. A short comment period would enable the public to voice its concern about this new threat to the integrity of our elections and provide a sound record for rescinding this advisory opinion in light of changes in the law initiated by *Citizens United*. If FEC scheduling does not permit a short period for comment, I fully agree that this issue is of such immediate importance that the FEC should proceed with rescinding it.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Brady
Ranking Member

CC: Chairman Matthew S. Petersen
CC: Vice Chairman Steven T. Walther
CC: Commissioner Caroline C. Hunter
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