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Subject: Draft Advisory Opinion 2003-23

I support the WE LEAD request for an advisory opinion to allow donations to be earmarked for the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party. Many people believe that our political system does not work for ordinary Americans and they do not donate to candidates. The WE LEAD approach is trying to get small donors who support the Democratic presidential nominee involved by donating with contributions earmarked for that nominee.

I believe we need to help and encourage small donors to participate in the political process. This is one approach that will help accomplish that. If a small donor wanted to support a specific primary candidate they would do that. But if they want to support the nominee many do not realize that they have to do it before the convention when the candidates take public money but believe they can do it after the convention when it is too late. The WE LEAD approach educates small donors and provides

them an opportunity to amplify their voices into a single large contribution. I believe that it is the spirit of the election laws to encourage efforts to help small donors get involved in the process. So I urge the FEC to approve the WE LEAD approach.

Please vote to approve the WE LEAD requested advisory opinion.

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