



Comment on Request of Connecticut Democratic Central Committee

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee's ("CDSCC") request to use money raised for federal campaigns on state candidates for two primary reasons. First, money donated for federal campaigns should be used in those campaigns only, any other purpose would be an incorrect and perhaps illegal use of donor money. It would seem the CDSCC has a fiduciary responsibility to direct funds to purposes for which they were raised. Secondly, Connecticut state law currently bars state contractors from contributing directly to the campaigns of statewide candidates. This law was established because of past abuses between state contractors and statewide candidates. If the CDSCC is allowed to use funds raised for federal purposes in state campaigns, it opens the potential for state contractors and the CDSCC to subvert existing state law and for further abuses.

The CDSCC has suggested that they would segregate funds from "known state contractors" and not direct them to the state. It has been my experience that where money is involved, voluntary compliance programs have very limited effectiveness. Additionally, going to my first objection above, the money was donated for federal campaigns, accordingly that is where it should be used.

Respectfully,

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