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## **mmission Action Would Severely Restrict Nonprofit Advocacy**

### **chilling effects of FEC Proposed Rulemaking on 501c Organizations at Congressional Briefing**

WASHINGTON-A coalition of six national nonprofit organizations promoting the rights of nonprofit adv  
While the immediate results of the FEC's efforts would only restrict the ability of 527 political action com  
"The FEC is treading into areas which will strongly chill the legitimate-and completely legal-free speech  
Cohen noted, "The potential FEC regulations will fall prey to the 'law of unintended effects.' The FEC's c  
The proposed regulation expands the definition of electioneering "expenditures" to include spending for

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"When ideally realized, democracy provides the space for voices in the minority to be heard, recognized  
The restrictions would apply not just to commentary related to incumbents in Congress or the White Ho  
Lisa Ransom Brown of the Washington Council of Agencies listed examples of the negative impacts the  
The FEC is undertaking this rulemaking to determine whether the current definition of "political committe