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## **ON MAY HAVE IMPACT ON NONPROFIT ADVOCACY**

### **Leadership Organizations Join in Common Message**

WASHINGTON ----- Four national nonprofit organizations - Charity Lobbying in the Public Interest (CLPI),

The FEC will soon rule on the draft advisory opinion that would greatly increase regulation of what nonprofits can do.

If the draft is approved, the ruling will apply immediately to political committees, but many FEC observers believe it will also apply to nonprofits.

The key to this draft AO is that it expands the definition of electioneering "expenditures" to include spending on

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The AO explains its definition of "electioneering" in a manner that covers virtually any type of policy dis

\* Fundraising appeals - A fundraising pitch that touts the organization's efforts opposing the Bush administration.

\* Policy advocacy - If an email were sent describing the actions of a member of Congress to limit nonprofit

\* Educational materials - Information in printed materials, on websites, or elsewhere that tends to cast f