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To the Federal Election Commission:

Though much of what is wrong is not the fault of the agency or the commissioners, frankly, the FEC is worse than useless, and we resent our tax dollars being spent in such a wasteful manner.

For example, things the FEC has done to make things worse:

You decimated rules that forbade candidates from coordinating with big-money super PACs, essentially paving the way for politicians to solicit massive checks from mega-donors like Sheldon Adelson.

You helped give CEOs protection in intimidating their employees to vote a certain way.

And in the 1990s, you created a huge loophole that allowed unlimited corporate contributions to political parties, known as "soft money," that let enormous corporate influence dominate major policy decisions for years in Washington until congress finally passed legislation closing the loophole.

Things the FEC has done to make things better:

Nothing.

Legitimate complaints take so long to process that the resolution is meaningless in terms of how an election is affected -- resulting in a dangerously misinformed public.

Without the Fairness Doctrine political advertising has devolved into messaging that would be blatantly fraudulent if the messenger were trying to sell a commercial product instead of a political one.