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California Fair Political Practices Commission  
Chair Jodi Remke  
Commissioner Maria Audero  
Commissioner Eric Casher  
Commissioner Gavin Wasserman  
Commissioner Patricia Wynne  
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**RE: Feb. 18, 2016 Meeting Agenda Item 31: Political Reform Act Revision Project**

Dear Chair Remke, Commissioners Audero, Casher, Wasserman and Wynne:

These comments are submitted by the Campaign Legal Center (CLC) with regard to the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) project to revise the Political Reform Act (PRA), which will be considered by the Commission at its February 18 meeting as Agenda Item 31. CLC supports the FPPC's effort to revise and clarify the PRA.

In the wake of the Watergate scandal, California voters approved the PRA and established the FPPC to curb the undue influence of big money in politics. Since that time the FPPC has become a leader in its commitment to strong enforcement and good administration of the State's campaign finance, lobbying and ethics laws. In 2012, the FPPC made national headlines for using its enforcement powers to try to uncover the underlying sources of dark money flowing into California's elections. The Commission has also demonstrated its commitment to keeping its regulations up to date with changing practices—most recently the Commission updated its independent expenditure and lobbying disclosure regulations.

Although the Commission itself is a leader in good administration and enforcement of campaign finance, lobbying and ethics laws, the law it is charged with administering is in need of an update. We support the FPPC's effort to revise and clarify the PRA and ultimately encourage citizen participation in the democratic process.

The Campaign Legal Center looks forward to reviewing the revised PRA and offering its comments and testimony. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to the FPPC as it moves forward with this important project. We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Paul S. Ryan*

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