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### EXTERNAL EMAIL

I am writing in support of the proposed changes by staff to regulation 18421.5. These changes provide transparency to voters that is long overdue.

Earlier this year, I filed a complaint against the AIDS Health Foundation and Patrick Range McDonald. Mr. McDonald was paid by AHF to promote Proposition 21 during the 2020 election. His social media posts, op-eds and blog postings on prominent websites attacked opponents and promoted the measure.

Unfortunately, voters had no idea he was being paid by the AIDS Health Foundation (another complaint pending addresses the lack of reporting of those payments). The website simply listed Mr. McDonald as "an award-winning reporter and advocacy journalist for [Housing Is A Human Right](#)."

The proposal before you today, I believe, would address this situation by requiring such "reporters" as being paid agents of a ballot measure campaign.

Thank you for the support of this proposal.

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