



February 10, 2014

The Honorable
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our 500,000 members nationwide, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) wishes to express our support for the Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the IRS Act of 2014, H.R. 3865. This legislation, introduced by Ways and Means Chairman David Camp (R-Michigan), would prohibit the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) proposed regulations from being implemented.

The IRS proposed regulation would restrict the first amendment free speech rights by deeming activities as "Candidate Related Political Activity." The activities that would be restricted include currently permissible activities like voter registration drives, candidate forums or debates, voter guides, and scorecards. Further, this regulation would restrict any support or opposition to an incumbent federal, state, or local politician within 30 days of a primary or 60 days of a general election and require groups the costly and problematic task of removing any reference to these officials from their websites during those times.

Grassroots lobbying and advocacy on public policy issues is an intrinsic part of our 501(c)(4) activities. It is unfair to gag groups like ours while allowing others, like labor unions to have a voice. H.R. 3865 will ensure that the IRS is unable to impinge on our rights of association and speech.

We appreciate Chairman Camp's efforts to invalidate the IRS proposed regulation and ensure that our first amendment rights are not stymied. We urge you to cosponsor and support H.R.3865. If this legislation is considered on the House floor, CWALAC will score in favor of it and will include it in our annual scorecard.

Sincerely,

Penny Nance
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Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee