

Side With Love is a campaign of the Unitarian Universalist Association that strives to actualize the principles of our faith including the right to use the democratic process and the right to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Neither of these rights can be enjoyed without freedom from undetectable deception regarding political issues and elections.

Since the advancement of artificial intelligence now enables unethical politicians and campaigns to deceive even the most critical thinking and conscientious citizens via deepfake video or audio, the FEC has the authority and responsibility to prevent such corrupt tactics. Creating fraudulent media representations of candidates or parties associated with them necessarily involves expenditure of campaign funds or assets which places their regulation within the FECs purview.

We support the proposed REG 2023-02 to clarify that the law against fraudulent misrepresentation (52 U.S.C. §30124) applies to deceptive content produced with the aid of artificial intelligence in campaign communications. The FEC should proceed promptly as such communications already are being deployed to undermine the fair elections for which the FEC exists to protect.

Thank you.

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