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As Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and lead defender of the private sector's right to participate in politics, let me express my concern that a serious error has occurred, which may cause some embarrassment to you if it is not immediately corrected.


Evidently, an organization called the Committee for Economic Development has listed you, of all people, as a supporter of its campaign to restrict the political speech rights of individuals, candidates, groups, political parties - and even your own company.

I have attached a page from a report issued by CED that prominently identifies you as a backer of its legislative plan to: deny corporations the right to make perfectly legal non-federal contributions to political parties; restrict the right of political parties to advocate positions on issues; limit the free speech of candidates; and force taxpayers to subsidize political activities with which they may not agree.

If CED's proposal were adopted, the NRSC would lose nearly half its revenues and thus be crippled in its ability to assist Republican candidates. On the other hand, labor unions, trial lawyers and radical environmental groups would remain virtually untouched in their capacity to assist those who share their legislative priorities. In short, CED's plan, which claims you as a supporter, amounts to nothing less than *unilateral disarmament*.

I am certain that CED has invoked your name in error, and to ensure that we quickly put this embarrassment to rest, I would welcome any clarification you can provide.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell
Chairman

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