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National Republican Senatorial Committee

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Re: Committee for Economic Development

Dear

I was astonished to learn that . . . has lent its name, prestige and presumably financial backing to the *Committee for Economic Development* in its all-out campaign to eviscerate private sector participation in politics, through so-called "campaign reform."

This week, the Committee for Economic Development joined hands with Ralph Nader and the Sierra Club in taking out a full-page ad in *The Hill*, demanding new campaign finance laws that would ban corporate political activism and render the Republican Party powerless to defend pro-business candidates from negative TV attacks by labor unions, trial lawyers and radical environmentalists.

To legitimize its claim to represent the corporate community in advocating anti-business speech controls, the website of the Committee for Economic Development prominently lists . . . as one of the Trustees that is "engaged in implement[ing] their policy recommendations."

If you disagree with the radical campaign finance agenda of the Committee for Economic Development and resent its abuse of your company's reputation, I would think that public withdrawal from this organization would be a reasonable response.

Thank you for considering my great concern over these developments.

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Sincerely,


Mitch McConnell
Chairman

*I hope
resign from CED.*

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