



## **CREW SUPPORTS COBURN/UDALL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING USE OF TAXPAYER SUBSIDIES FOR PARTY CONVENTIONS**

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) supports the Coburn/Udall amendment to the Farm bill that would prohibit the use of Presidential Election Campaign Funds (PECF) for political party nominating conventions.

National party conventions have long outlived their usefulness and are now little more than glorified coronations. CREW sees little reason why taxpayers should continue subsidizing political partying and schmoozing.

While arguably a miniscule fraction of the total federal budget, in an era of fiscal austerity it is important for national parties to show that they too can tighten their belts. Budget cuts we have to cut somewhere. Far better to eliminate convention funding than aid to dependent children, student loans, or one of the myriad other federally funded programs that improve the lives of Americans.

The Coburn/Udall amendment is sensible, prudent, and merits passage.

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