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To whom it may concern,

Reform is absolutely warranted, having just experienced and still experiencing issues in trying to get our group registered in each state to fundraise, anything to “normalise” this process would be advantageous to all.

Our foundation is under 2 years old and has been required to apply for fundraising registration to multiple departments across multiple states. The difficulty in doing this, is understanding the rules that govern each state, finding the actual application forms for each state, then deciphering the language used in each application. These are very difficult for a lay person to understand and very time intense. When we engaged a legal firm to assist, this was very costly and also found to be futile in the legal firms only had a firm grip on the states they operated in and quiet frankly just want the \$\$\$.

Our foundation has a committee of 13 and has representatives from each state, this alone does not entitle us to register to fundraise in each state. Yet we are able to raise funds over the internet, and due to the fact our only notification of the donation is email, we have no understanding if this was received from a state that we are not legally registered in to fundraise.

In trying to establish our foundation to be lawful, we found several issues:

- How do you cater for internet donations, when reporting for each state
- The amount of paper work required is over the top
  - o Each state requires a annual review of funds raised per state / broken down by activity etc
  - o Financial income reporting for states incorporated require different breakdowns
- How do you prevent individuals running fundraising events using your name ( this is all in goodwill...but many times the only time we know an event has occurred is when funds are received)
- Each states rules \$ value for raffles vary
- Each states rules on what constitutes raffles vary
- Rules on company office location – we are 100% volunteers and operate from our homes, we should not be penalised just because we do not have bricks and mortar
- Each state requires a different amount of committee members to be living in the state or registered members
  - o The services we provide are information sharing this does not warrant an annual or once of membership fee, therefore stating how many members you have registered is also a issue.
  - o Members should not be means of a \$ value, this can be measured by a registration DB, or Facebook account etc.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

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