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Your Comments or Concerns

The TX Ethics Commission has been weaponized against citizens instead of focusing on it's core responsibility of oversight for candidates. The TEC's current practices are incompatible with the

principles of fairness, transparency, and citizen participation. By prioritizing punitive enforcement over transparency and accountability, the TEC has created a system that silences grassroots voices and discourages civic engagement. The Sunset Advisory Commission has an opportunity to correct the systemic failures by recommending reforms that restore balance and fairness to the TEC's operations.

Your Proposed Solution

Fix broken website & provide functional tools so support compliance.

Judicial oversight, including de novo review, must be preserved to ensure due process and protect 5th amendment rights

Prioritize holding public officials accountable rather than targeting grassroots activists and ordinary Texans

Ethics burdens should rest entirely with officeholders, who have access to legal counsel and resources, rather than private citizens attempting to navigate an overly complex system.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes