

IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VICTORIA JACKSON GRAY ADAMS, <i>et. al.,</i>)	Civil Action No.
)	02-cv-877-KLH-CKK-RJL
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<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	<i>consolidated with</i>
)	02-cv-582-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	(lead case)
)	
- vs -)	<i>and</i>
)	02-cv-581-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-633-KLH-CKK-RJL
THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION)	02-cv-751-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>et al.,</i>)	02-cv-753-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-754-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-781-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>Defendants.</i>)	02-cv-874-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-875-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-881-KLH-CKK-RJL

Declaration of Nancy Russell

I, Nancy Russell, declare as follows:

1. I am a registered and qualified voter in Yardley Pennsylvania.
2. I reside in the same Congressional district as former Member of the U.S.

House of Representatives, Peter Kostmayer. I supported him in his campaigns from 1982 to 2000 and intend to support Mr. Kostmayer's candidacy for federal or state office.

3. I do not have the ability to contribute an amount of money anywhere near \$2000.

4. I have not traditionally supported candidates who represent the interests of wealthy individuals and do not intend to support such candidates. I support candidates whose platforms address the needs of non-affluent and ordinary voters. Mr. Kostmayer is one example of this type of candidate.

5. The increased contribution limits of the recently-passed Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act tilt the scales of democracy against average voters like me. Because I, and others like me, cannot contribute large amounts of money to a campaign, very few candidates will pay attention to our concerns.

6. The increased contribution limits of the recently-passed Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act will also hinder or prevent Mr. Kostmayer, a candidate who does listen to and represent the interests of non-affluent communities and average voters like me, from mounting a successful campaign. Because of the resultant large difference in fund-raising between Mr. Kostmayer and any potential opponent, he will be less able to get his message out than his adversaries.

7. Because most candidates will not pay attention to me, and candidates who do pay attention to my concerns will be at a competitive disadvantage, my right to equal participation in the political process will be undermined once the new law goes into effect.

8. In addition, I have done a significant amount of voter registration work in blue-collar and lower-income areas. As money has played a larger role in political campaigns over the years, I have been able to generate less and less interest in voting. I have increasingly encountered people who express their feelings of extreme disenfranchisement -- that their votes don't matter compared to the votes and contributions made by wealthy interests.

9. The increased contribution limits of the recently-passed Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act will exacerbate the advantage of wealthy donors in getting

representation in Congress to such an extent that many people in non-affluent communities will simply opt out of any political participation, including voting.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

This 2 day of October, 2002.

Nancy Russell
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