

BCRA Legal Team Statement of McConnell v. FEC Supreme Court Decision

Statements of Seth Waxman and Roger Witten of Wilmer Cutler Pickering, the lead lawyers representing the Congressional Sponsors of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, Senators John McCain, Russ Feingold, Olympia Snowe and James Jeffords and Representatives Christopher Shays and Marty Meehan, on today's Supreme Court Victory:

Statement of Seth Waxman

"I am enormously gratified -- as a citizen as well as a lawyer -- by the Supreme Court's landmark decision today in *McConnell v. FEC*. The Supreme Court decides many important cases each year. Only so often, however, does the Court opine on issues that go to the very vitality of our democratic system of government. Today, the Court rejected the deep chorus of cynics who argued that the citizens of this country must simply accept the pernicious influence of unregulated money on federal elections and the operation of government. This is a marvelous victory for the Congress, and for the Nation."

Statement of Roger Witten

"The Supreme Court has issued an historic, sweeping, unequivocal decision affirming the constitutionality of the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform law. This will put an end to the kind of widespread big money practices -- such as "soft money" and "sham issue ads" -- that have turned citizens off and threatened the vitality of our democracy. The country and its citizens are the big winners."