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## MEMO TO EDITORS, NEWS DIRECTORS, REPORTERS:

Many calls have been received regarding the impact of the Supreme Court's March 18 decision striking down Section 9012(f) of the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act as unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, several reports of that decision incorrectly reported the court's ruling. The inquiries generated by this misreporting, lead us to believe that a brief comment on what the court did not say is in order.

First, contributions to a presidential candidate accepting general election funding are still prohibited. The court decision only addressed independent expenditures on behalf of such a candidate.

Second, all contribution limits remain in force. The decision was elsewhere misconstrued to lift the limits governing individual contributions to Political Action Committees. As noted above, the contribution limits were not at issue in this case.

Please feel free to call us if you need additional information.

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