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Court of Appeals Issues Opinion in *Stop Reckless Economic Instability Caused by Democrats et al. v. FEC*

WASHINGTON – The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit today issued its [Opinion](#) and [Judgment](#) in [Stop Reckless Economic Instability Caused by Democrats et al. v. FEC](#) (No. 15-1455). The Court found that the claims by some plaintiffs about the limit on contributions by new PACs to federal candidates were moot, and it upheld the limits on contributions from multicandidate committees to party committees because plaintiffs failed to demonstrate that the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, discriminates against multicandidate committees.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is an independent regulatory agency that administers and enforces federal campaign finance laws. The FEC has jurisdiction over the financing of campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the Presidency and the Vice Presidency. Established in 1975, the FEC is composed of six Commissioners who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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