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## Rep. Pitts derides ruling in favor of “incumbent protection plan”

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**Washington**—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) today criticized the Supreme Court’s ruling to uphold the major portions of the campaign finance restrictions signed into law last March.

“This ruling is an outrage,” said Congressman Pitts. “The goals of this law are laudable. But at its core, this law is nothing more than an incumbent protection plan. It limits dissent. It curtails debate. And it preempts the ability of citizens to speak out against incumbents during the election season.

“Samuel Adams once said that ‘it does not take a majority to prevail ... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.’

“This law douses the brushfires of freedom Samuel Adams and his fellow patriots fought so hard to ignite. They knew that if the politically powerful can use the power of law to smother political debate, those liberties gained in the American Revolution and secured by the Constitution stand in jeopardy of yielding to the forces of tyranny.

“I can only hope,” Congressman Pitts concluded, “that the American people – once they realize how these new restrictions will hamper political participation – will someday demand the reversal of these intolerable muzzles on democracy.”

Congressman Pitts opposed the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

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