

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Senator Mitch McConnell,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 02-0582 (RJL)
v.)	
)	
Federal Election Commission, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**DECLARATION OF SENATOR OLYMPIA SNOWE
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, Senator Olympia Snowe declares as follows:

1. I am a member of the United States Senate from the State of Maine. I was first elected in 1994, re-elected in 2000, and next face re-election in 2006.

2. I was a principal supporter of the legislation recently enacted as the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 and an author of a portion of the Act. I have spent many years seeking to promote the enactment of this reform legislation.


3. I am a citizen of the United States, a member of Congress, a voter, a recipient of campaign contributions, a fundraiser, a political party member, and I expect to be a candidate. In those capacities I am subject to regulation by the Act, and my activities are also directly affected by the fact that others, including my political supporters, my potential election opponents, contributors to and supporters of my

opponents, and contributors to and supporters of both political parties are subject to the same regulation.

4. If any of the campaign finance reforms embodied in the Act is struck down, I will be forced once again to raise money, campaign, and attempt to discharge my important public responsibilities in a system that is widely perceived to be, and I believe in many respects is, significantly corrupted by the influence of special-interest money.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 21 day of March, 2002.



Olympia Snowe