

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

National Rifle Association of America, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Case No. 02-0581 (CKK)
v.)	
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Federal Election Commission, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	

**DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN MEEHAN
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C, § 1746, Representative Martin Meehan declares as follows:

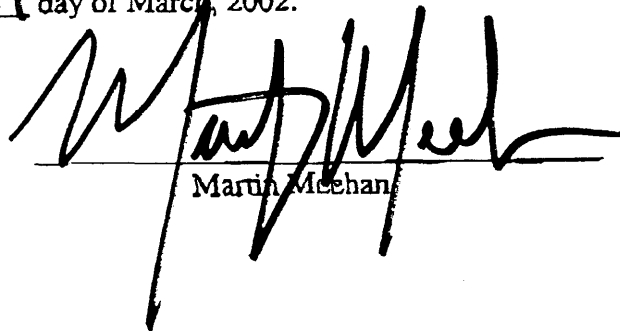
1. I am a member of the United States House of Representatives from the 5th Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I was first elected in 1992, re-elected every two years thereafter, and next face re-election in November 2002.
2. I was a principal sponsor of the legislation recently enacted as the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. 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 candidate, a voter, a recipient of campaign contributions, a fundraiser, and a political party member.

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 29 day of March, 2002.



Martin McEhan