

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

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

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**DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER SHAYS  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE**

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

1. I am a member of the United States House of Representatives from the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of the State of Connecticut. I was first elected in 1987, re-elected in 1988 and 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 \_\_\_ day of March, 2002.

  
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Christopher Shays

United States House of Representatives