SpeechNow.org Absent From Growing List of Groups Raising Unlimited Cash

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Earlier this year the organization SpeechNow.org won a sweeping victory against the FEC in the courts, which ruled that, in the wake of Citizens United, the group could raise unlimited sums of money as long as it doesn't contribute directly or coordinate its activities with political candidates or parties. Despite the group's claims to the court that it planned to raise funds and make independent expenditures for the 2010 midterms, however, The Center For Public Integrity <u>reports</u> that it has yet to register any form of committee, let alone a newly designated "independent expenditure committee," with the FEC.

SpeechNow.org's founders — which include David Keating, executive director of Club for Growth, and Edward Crane, president of the libertarian Cato Institute — assure the Center that the group does indeed plan to register, despite the fact that it has yet to raise any money or establish a bank account. Meanwhile, the number of political groups that have wasted no time in leaping into the breach that SpeechNow.org helped open in campaign finance law <u>continues to grow</u>:

The following is a list of groups that have notified the FEC so far:



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