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**Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos  
Expresses Disappointment over US Supreme Court Ruling**

*The U.S. Supreme Court ruled five to four on Wednesday to strike down the two year aggregate limit Congress had previously imposed on campaign contributions to presidential and congressional candidates as well as parties and some PACs. Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos released the following response:*

I find today's Supreme Court ruling to strike down aggregate campaign contribution limits to be a disheartening blow to those of us who, on the state level, are working hard to keep corruption out of politics and ensure fair and transparent elections. This ruling, along with the 2010 Citizens United decision, clearly illustrates a disturbing trend that allows the wealthiest voters to have the loudest voice.

Furthermore, these court rulings tie the hands of state legislatures when it comes to limiting campaign finance contributions.

Justice Clarence Thomas stated that he would have stripped away all contribution limits – this is the absolute wrong attitude for America and it is certainly the wrong attitude for Vermont.

This extremely worrying trend in court rulings only strengthens my personal conviction that we can do better when it comes to transparency in campaign finance. If the Supreme Court is determined to strip away Vermont's ability to limit campaign contributions than I will redouble my own efforts to work with and support the Vermont legislature in making sure that the people of Vermont have the ability to track every penny that enters the political system in this state.

Vermonters, and all Americans, should have the right to know who is influencing or trying to buy elections.