The Ranking Republican on the Committee on House Administration Says Justice Alito is Right; Court Decision Doesn't Open Floodgates for Foreign Spending in U.S. Elections

WASHINGTON - Today, the Committee on House Administration's Ranking Republican Dan Lungren, R-Calif., issued the following statement on the President's false assumption that the recent United States Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* will open the floodgates for foreign spending in U.S. elections:

"Justice Alito is correct. The assumption that the Court's recent decision will open the floodgates for foreign spending in U.S. elections is simply not true. Since the Court's decision to overturn unconstitutional restrictions on free speech, there has been a substantial amount of misinformation disseminated by Democrats in an attempt to scare the American electorate into supporting their attempts to stifle political speech.

"It's time to set the record straight. The Court's decision did not - in any way, shape or form - impact existing rules and regulations that specifically prohibit foreign nationals from directly or indirectly contributing to election activity. The legal prohibitions on foreign involvement in U.S. elections are broad, clear and completely intact.

"Instead of spreading misinformation in the hopes of silencing political free speech, Democrats should focus on solving the real problems plaguing American families."

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