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Re: File No. S7-11-13, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-01-23/pdf/2013-30508.pdf>

JOBS Act legislation URL <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr3606enr/pdf/BILLS-112hr3606enr.pdf>

This comment addresses constitutionality of revisions to federal securities regulation pursuant to Title IV of the JOBS Act, as these revisions relate to today's Supreme Court decision in *McCutcheon v. FEC*.

I previously urged the SEC to formally adopt “A Bill of Rights for Securities Issuers Under The JOBS Act” https://publicstartup.com/A_Bill_of_Rights_for_Securities_Issuers_Under_The_JOBS_Act.pdf

I have been writing letters to the SEC since 2012 when the corrupt, criminal, outrageous action of the former Chair, Mary Schapiro, and her co-conspirators including most of the present Commissioners, first made it clear to me that the SEC was going to continue to be the problem rather than the solution.

I submitted 6 comment letters previously published at <http://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-11-13/s71113.shtml>

The Commission should be mindful of a Supreme Court decision today in *McCutcheon v. FEC* with regard to any “aggregate limit” for crowdfunding campaign contributions by investors. It seems consistent with the Supreme Court ruling in *McCutcheon* for the SEC to impose reasonable limits on investments by investors in any specific JOBS Act Title IV (or Title III) Offering during a single year. However, “aggregate limits” on investing in any particular asset class (such as unregistered securities offered publicly via crowdfunding) would not appear constitutionally-valid, if one considers a “vote” analogous to such an investment, and any “campaign” analogous to a public Offering (as illustrated below, if similar case is brought against the SEC):

McCutcheon v. Federal Election Securities and Exchange Commission, April 2, 2014

http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/12-536_e1pf.pdf

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS announced the judgment of the Court and delivered an opinion, in which JUSTICE SCALIA, JUSTICE KENNEDY, and JUSTICE ALITO join.

There is no right more basic in our ~~democracy~~ free-market economy than the right to participate in ~~electing our political leaders~~ funding startups. Citizens can exercise that right in a variety of ways: They can ~~run for office~~ ask the public to invest in a startup themselves, ~~vote~~ invest, urge others to ~~vote for~~ invest in a particular ~~candidate~~ startup, volunteer to work on a crowdfunding campaign, and contribute to a ~~candidate's~~ crowdfunding campaign. This case is about the last of those options.

The right to participate in ~~democracy~~ the free market through ~~political contributions~~ investing is protected by the First Amendment, but that right is not absolute. Our cases have held that Congress may regulate ~~campaign contributions~~ investing and advertising of investments to protect against ~~corruption~~ fraud or the ~~appearance of corruption~~ abuse of public investor trust. See, e.g., *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U. S. 1, 26–27 (1976) (per curiam). At the same time, we have made clear that Congress may not regulate ~~contributions~~ investing simply to reduce the amount of money ~~in politics~~ invested in startups or provided by a class of people, or to restrict the ~~political~~ participation of some in order to enhance the relative influence of others.