

Foster Garvey Joins Free Speech For People in Supreme Court Petition to End Super PAC Spending in U.S. Elections

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On June 18, 2020, in partnership with national public interest group Free Speech For People (FSFP), Foster Garvey assisted in petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to review the lawsuit that challenges *SpeechNow.org v. Federal Election Commission*, the 2010 appeals court ruling that created super PACs.

Working alongside FSFP and Foster Garvey in the petition is a group of distinguished legal scholars, including Professor Jeffrey Fisher (Stanford Law School; lead counsel for the Supreme Court phase of the litigation), Professor Laurence Tribe (Harvard Law School); Professor Albert Alschuler (Univ. of Chicago Law School, emeritus); and Professor Richard Painter (Univ. of Minnesota Law School, and former chief ethics counsel to President George W. Bush).

The case in question is *Lieu v. Federal Election Commission*, which was filed in federal district court in Washington, D.C. in November 2016 on behalf of a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress and 2016 congressional candidates led by Representative Ted Lieu (D-CA-33), Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and the late Representative Walter Jones (R-NC-3).

For more information on this petition, visit the FSFP website.

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