

New Jersey AG Agrees to Permanent Injunction Preventing Enforcement of Donor Disclosure Law

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After months of legal battle, New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal has agreed to a permanent injunction preventing enforcement of Senate Bill 150 against any independent expenditure committees. The settlement was approved by the presiding federal judge on March 11.

Signed into law in June 2019, SB 150 sought to impose reporting obligations for 501(C)(4) social-welfare organizations and political organizations that also engage in political advocacy. The law would have required these nonprofit groups spending at least \$3,000 to influence legislation, regulations, and elections to disclose the names of their donors of \$10,000 and more.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the Illinois Opportunity Project, and Americans for Prosperity, along with other groups, found themselves in mutual opposition to the dubiously-constitutional law.

New Jersey lawmakers are already discussing passing new “dark money” legislation, a possibility that the injunction does not foreclose.

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