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BACHUS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY TODAY'S SUPREME COURT DECISION

WASHINGTON- "Internet pornography is quickly becoming the tool of choice for pedophiles and child molesters. That is why in 1998, I helped to pass the Child Online Protection Act to shield our children from internet pornography. In a case before the Supreme Court today, they had the opportunity to uphold and enforce this responsible protection of our children.

Instead, the Supreme Court ruled that COPA could inhibit the ability of adults to view and purchase pornography online. This ridiculous decision is a slap in the face of parents who are trying to protect their children from the corrupting influence of this illicit material. It is yet one more example of how the extremists of the ACLU and their likeminded supporters on the Supreme Court are assaulting American values and American families with their radical agenda.

This is exactly the kind of decision that has discredited the activist federal courts in the eyes of most citizens. Americans everywhere understand and recognize the fallacy of this judicial position. The idea of making pornography readily available to the extremely small minority of adults who want it should take precedent over protecting our children is contemptible.

This is not the end of the fight to protect our children, however. The majority of Supreme Court Justices that made this decision have sent the case back to a lower court. This lower court's trial has the opportunity to prove that COPA does not go too far in restricting free speech. I can only hope that in the end, the Supreme Court will value protecting our children over easily providing pornography to adults."

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