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## **Free Speech in the Crosshairs**

### ***Shuster Opposes Full Scale Assault on First Amendment***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement in strong opposition to the “DISCLOSE Act,” legislation that would significantly undermine the First Amendment to the Constitution by restricting political speech in elections.

“The DISCLOSE Act is an outrageous attempt by Democrats in the House to fix the game in their favor when it comes to political speech. I find their contempt for the Constitution and the First Amendment striking since their legislation specifically exempts the Democrats' largest contributors.

I also find it suspicious that the legislation goes into effect after only 30 days – right in time for the November elections and fast enough to avoid judicial review of the Act's obvious unconstitutionality. The speed of the Act's enactment is designed to protect the Democrats' donor base in the upcoming election.

America's Founding Fathers didn't intend for the First Amendment to only protect the free speech of the Democrat Party's special interest groups. This legislation sends a chilling message to everyone who opposes President Obama's agenda: ‘shut up or go to jail.’”

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