

# **Governor Statement on Campaign Finance Decision Affirming Constitutionality of Election Disclosure Law**

**Wilmington, DE** – The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit today issued an opinion affirming the constitutionality of the Delaware Elections Disclosure Act, which was proposed and signed by Governor Markell in 2012. In response to the Court's decision, Governor Markell issued the following statement:

"Today's decision is an important victory for transparency in Delaware elections," said Governor Markell. "The Delaware Elections Disclosure Act closed a major loophole in Delaware's campaign finance laws and provides better and timelier information to voters. In an era of increasing spending by outside interest groups who too often have been allowed to hide the sources of their revenues, laws like DEDA are more important than ever. Delaware voters deserve to know who is responsible for advertisements and other materials asking for them to support or oppose candidates, and the court has made a strong statement upholding the state's right to ensure transparency for our citizens."

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