



ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVEN T. MARSHALL APPLAUDS U.S. SUPREME COURT REFUSAL TO HEAR CHALLENGE OF ALABAMA'S PAC-TO-PAC TRANSFER BAN

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steven T. Marshall applauded the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision Monday rejecting a challenge to Alabama’s 2010 law banning the transfer of campaign funds between political action committees (PACs). The decision means Alabama’s PAC-to-PAC transfer ban will stand.

“Alabama’s legal battle to fight political corruption gained a tremendous boost from the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to deny a challenge by the Alabama Democratic Conference against the State’s PAC-to-PAC transfer ban,” said Attorney General Marshall.

“Alabama’s PAC-to-PAC transfer ban continues to be a vital tool in combating campaign corruption by removing barriers to transparency and the sources of political funds,” added Attorney General Marshall. “The Supreme Court decision to deny a challenge to the law should send notice to all that Alabama will not tolerate political corruption.”

On September 27, 2016, the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a July 31, 2015, U.S. District Court ruling in favor of Alabama’s law prohibiting PAC transfers which it viewed as necessary to combat corruption without infringing upon the First Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court also found no merit in the opponents’ challenge.

Attorney General Marshall commended his Constitutional Defense Section, noting in particular Assistant Attorney General Will Parker and Solicitor General Andrew Brasher for their work in this case.

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