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IS MCCAIN TURNING BACK ON YOUNG PEOPLE?

National Youth Rights Association questions "anti-youth" portion of Shays-Meehan

WASHINGTON, D.C. - National Youth Rights Association President Alex Koroknay-Palicz today questioned John McCain's support for Shays-Meehan's "anti-youth" provisions, which prohibit political donations from minors.

Speaking to a group of supporters, Koroknay-Palicz asked, "How can McCain support a bill that strips young people of their right to be involved in the political process?" Koroknay-Palicz pointed out that McCain-Feingold did not contain prohibits on youth contributions and that Shays-Meehan's provision was a "shady addition" which McCain is "hypocritical for supporting."

"McCain's presidential campaign enjoyed a great deal of support from young people," Koroknay-Palicz explained, "and now McCain is supporting a bill that would discourage young people from being involved in the political process. This will make the young people who supported McCain bitter. Eliminating Young Republican and Young Democrat clubs, which often charge dues that would be illegal under Shays-Meehan's section 319, will not clean up politics."

Koroknay-Palicz went on to extol the value of youth political contributions claiming they "instill in young people a sense of political involvement that can continue for the rest of their life" and concluded by asking if McCain really wants to "turn his back on America's young people by stripping them of their political rights?"

The National Youth Rights Association is the nation's largest and most successful youth rights organization and boasts over 1500 members. It's website is www.youthrights.com

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