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Democrat Leader and Lobbyist Nomination Goes Against Obama Pledge

Nomination Violates Obama Campaign Commitment Regarding Lobbyists

Charleston, WV – The Kanawha County Republican Executive Committee is criticizing the nomination of Nick Casey by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller on the basis that Casey is a registered lobbyist in the State of West Virginia. Casey has been nominated for a lifetime appointment to fill a vacancy on the federal bench in the Northern District of West Virginia.

According to the West Virginia Ethics Commission, Casey is a registered lobbyist and authorized to represent the interests of ten different clients ranging from the Wine Institute to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Melody Potter, Chairman of the Kanawha County Republican Executive Committee said, "The nomination of a registered lobbyist to the federal bench goes against one of the biggest pledges President Obama made last year. On multiple occasions the President said that lobbyists "won't find a job" in his administration. I am urging the President to reject this nomination".

The federal judgeship that Casey is nominated for has been vacant since 2006 after the death of Judge Craig Broadwater. Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito had recommended the nomination of William Powell, a very qualified Martinsburg lawyer. The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee chose not to take up the nomination of Powell and the seat has been vacant for more than two years.

"I can only hope that President Obama will keep his campaign commitment and urge Senators Byrd and Rockefeller to nominate someone who doesn't have a history as a lobbyist and a partisan figurehead," concluded Potter.

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