

John Boehner hails Supreme Court ruling

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Speaker John Boehner praised the Supreme Court for knocking down aggregate limits on campaign donations, saying “freedom of speech is being upheld.”

“You all have the freedom to write what you want to write, donors ought to have the freedom to give what they want to give,” Boehner told reporters after a meeting of House Republicans Wednesday morning.

The ruling could have an impact on the 2014 midterm elections, as donors can now give up to \$5,200 to as many candidates as they wish. Boehner blamed woes of the campaign finance system on the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act penned by Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) — better known as McCain-Feingold. Boehner called that bill “bizarre” and said it “distorted the political process.”

“And I’m all for freedom, congratulations,” Boehner said of the ruling.