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Effect of High Court Ruling Still Unclear in R.I.

By Randal Edgar, Providence Journal, State House Bureau

The experts and pundits are saying Thursday's Supreme Court ruling on campaign finance will change the landscape on corporate spending in federal elections, but local observers say there are lots of pieces to shake out before it becomes clear what the impact will be in Rhode Island.

[... S]ome observers offered sharp criticism, saying [the ruling] will further pollute the election process — increasing the power of special interests while the voice of regular people is lost.

"It allows too much special interests and lobbying," said **Edward Eberle**, a professor at the Roger Williams University School of Law. "And I think it makes whoever is up for reelection beholden to the special-interest groups."

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