

WASHINGTON – In response to inquiries, Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today released the following expanded statement on the Child Online Protection Act. The Supreme Court yesterday refused to reinstate the 1998 law, which was struck down by a lower court as unconstitutional on free speech grounds.

“As opposed to saying that pornographers ought to be protected by the Constitution when they expose our children to pornography, I would have hoped the Supreme Court would have said there was a constitutional right to protect children from pornographers and not protect pornographers from the people’s desire to stop their children from being exposed to pornography. Protecting children ought to be the goal of every civilized nation. Exposing children to pornography at an early age should be prohibited, not made a constitutional right. This is truly bad news for parents, grandparents and our children. Pornography is a tool of choice for pedophiles and sexual predators. I would have hoped the Supreme Court would have decided that was a more worthy goal that protecting the right of pornographers to send unsolicited pornography indiscriminately to every computer in America.”