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## **Benson invites Rep. Young to give \$15,000 to a charitable cause**

Anchorage – Democratic Congressional Candidate Diane Benson is inviting Representative Don Young to join many candidates here in Alaska and beyond and separate his campaign with any VECO contributions.

“I invite Rep. Young to not return the money to the VECO organization, but rather give the \$15,500 he and his PAC, Midnight Sun, have directly received from VECO executives this election cycle to a charitable organization”, states Diane Benson.

In a telephone conversation with the Federal Elections Commission, a federal candidate is allowed to give campaign funds in any amount they wish to a charitable organization.

“I suggest that he grant this gift to the latest Salvation Army project, SAFE Place at Chester Creek. Rep. Young and I were privileged to be part of the Ground Breaking ceremony,” continued Benson.

By joining other public servants and candidates for public office will show Alaskans that he also recognizes the concern that has been created by recent events. Although the full repercussions from the FBI and IRS investigations and the possible connections to the VECO organization are not yet known; it would be wise to err on the side of caution.

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