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## **Rep. Don Young...The 5<sup>th</sup> Congressman from Arkansas?**

Alaska's At-Large Representative Donald Young once again displayed where the citizens of Alaska rank in his priorities.

During the election cycle of 2003 – 2004, Rep. Young received contributions in excess of \$26,000 from residents of the state of Arkansas to include corporate executives of road construction contractors. Most of these contributions come for the area of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

On February 9, 2005 Rep. Don Young introduced/sponsored H.R. 3, (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act); in this piece of legislation an appropriation of \$40M for the expansion of Interstate 530 in the state of Arkansas. This expansion project will connect Pine Bluff, AR and Wilbur, AR. Arkansas received \$72M in appropriations for the expansion of Interstate 530.

Thus far in election cycle 2005 – 2006, Midnight Sun Political Action Committee, a committee controlled by Rep. Young, has received over \$28,000 in contributions from the Pine Bluff, AR area. Also in the same time frame "Alaskans for Don Young", Rep. Young's re-election committee, has received over \$103,000 in contributions; of which over \$20,000 were contributions from road construction contractors. Rep. Young also received a \$500 contribution from John Lipton, Arkansas Highway Commissioner.

"I feel this is a prime example of where Alaskans fit into our representative's priorities. As a representative of this state, it should be the sole goal to bring those federal dollars to our state. Alaska could utilize more road infrastructure here at home. Rep. Young seems to be more concerned with the state of Arkansas than he is with Alaska." stated Diane Benson, Democratic candidate for Rep. Young congressional seat.

"All Alaskans need to demand that Rep. Young come forward and personally answer these concerns. He works for us and not those living in other states. It is embarrassing to have our representative bring bills to congress for other states. We have needs here at home that he is not meeting. We are tired of No-Show representation. It is time that Rep. Young to show up for work for Alaskans for the last few months of his term" continued Benson.