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REPRESENTATIVE DON YOUNG RECEIVED NEARLY \$1M OIL & GAS INDUSTRY SINCE EXXON VALDEZ DISASTER

Anchorage – Reuters News Service reported that on September 01, 2006 that United States and Alaskan authorities officially demanded \$92.2 million from Exxon-Mobil (successor of Exxon). The Alaska Department of Law and the U.S. Department of Justice made the demand for environmental damage not covered in a 1991 \$900 million settlement with Exxon. The 1991 settlement allowed the state and federal government to seek additional damages not foreseen at the time of the settlement.

Unfortunately, Representative Don Young has not made efforts on behalf of those Alaskans affected by the environmental disaster; nor has he publicly supported the current call for Exxon to pay the reparations that are called for by US DOJ and Alaskan DOL.

Since the Exxon Valdez disaster in March 1989, according to The Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan, non-profit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics and its effect on elections and public policy, Rep. Don Young has received \$915,763 from the Oil and Gas Industry. In this current election cycle (2005 – 2006), according to the Center, the Oil and Gas Industry has contributed \$49,550.

Rep. Young's Top Contributor's, since the Exxon Valdez disaster are: #1 VECO Corp - \$125,650, #2 BP - \$114,758, #6 VECO Inc. - \$74,514 and #13 Exxon - \$60,300.

“The citizens of Alaska should ask the question, ‘Who exactly is our sole representative in the U.S. House representing?’”, stated Kris J. Pierce, Diane Benson’s campaign manager. “Our campaign’s goal is to show Alaskans how they are, or perhaps are not, being represented”, Pierce continued.

Representative Don Young must stand with the US Department of Justice and the Alaska Department of Law and ensure prompt payment is made by Exxon-Mobil. As his logo states, “Standing up for Alaskans”, he must Stand Up for the people of Alaska.