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Rep. Don Young collects VECO and DeLay Contributions

Anchorage – According to FEC Campaign Finance Disclosure statements, Alaska’s At-Large Congressman Don Young was the recipient through his campaign or his PAC, Midnight Sun, of over \$100,000 from VECO Officers. Young received contributions from many of the VECO corporate officers to include Bill Allen, Richard Smith and Peter Leathard.

Since 1999, Young has received directly over \$97,000 from VECO Officers to his re-election campaigns and Bill Allen has contributed over \$25,000 to Young’s Midnight Sun PAC during the same time period. These amounts do not include the numerous fundraisers hosted by Bill Allen and other VECO personnel for Young over the years.

“With the recent events of FBI and IRS search warrants of state legislature’s offices and the implication that VECO is the possible source of these warrants; Alaskans have the right to know just who is receiving campaign contributions from these individuals and what possible favors have been provided”, stated Diane Benson, Democratic Candidate for Congress.

Also according to FEC Campaign Finance Disclosure statement, Don Young’s Midnight Sun PAC has received almost \$15,000 in contributions from Randolph DeLay since 2000.

Randolph “Randy” DeLay is brother to disgraced congressman Tom DeLay. Tom DeLay was indicted on September 28, 2005 on charges of conspiring to violate campaign finance laws. A string of botched restaurant and oil businesses that Randy DeLay ran in Houston and Corpus Christi in the 1980s led him to file for bankruptcy in 1992 to escape legal liabilities and bank debts. After these failed businesses, Randy DeLay worked closely with his brother Tom DeLay as a Lobbyist in Texas and Washington, D.C.

“There are many dots out there in terms of Don Young’s involvement with questionable lobbyists and corporate businesses. We are just providing the voters of Alaska with the lines that connect all of those dots” stated Kris Pierce, Diane Benson’s campaign manager.

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