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Re: Your "Cease and Desist" Press Release

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your press release. Per your request, this is to let you know that there is no need for the NRCC to, in your words, bring its activities into compliance with Federal law, because NRCC activities are already in compliance with Federal law.

In fact, with respect to telephone disclaimers, we have simply copied what your own national committee does. I have a recording of a pre-recorded phone message from DNC Counsel Joe Sandler which contains the same sorts of disclaimers (including placement) as NRCC calls. Maybe you ought to send a letter to the DNC as well?

Perhaps if you paid as much attention to your own client's political advertising as you apparently do my client's phone calls, the DCCC would have better luck in keeping its advertising on the air. How are those spots in Indiana and Kentucky coming? Did you ever get those falsehoods on the air? I have attached some information on your client's problems, in case you have forgotten.

Cordially,



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## In Case You Missed It...

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### **More stations drop political advertisement**

JAMES WENSITS  
Tribune Political Writer

SOUTH BEND -- Area cable and broadcast television stations have joined WSBT-TV and WNDU-TV in pulling a campaign ad submitted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee attacking U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola, R-2nd, the Chocola campaign announced Thursday.

The DCCC ad, which WSBT and WNDU dropped Wednesday, accused Chocola of accepting pay raises for himself and voting against raising the minimum wage.

"We just thought it was too misleading," said Matt Jaquint, WNDU general manager, explaining his station's decision.

Congressional pay raises are automatic, but the Chocola campaign insisted that

Chocola voted to raise the minimum wage in what was the only up or down vote on the subject.

"Yes, we did," said Jeff Guy, general manager at WBND-TV, the ABC outlet, when asked if his station had pulled the ad. Steve Morris, station manager at WSJV-TV Fox 28, whose station also pulled the ad, said it "appeared to be misleading" regarding the minimum wage vote.

Chocola spokesman Brooks Kochvar said Thursday that Comcast has pulled the ad from 12 cable stations, but an attempt to reach a Comcast spokesman to verify that was unsuccessful.

DCCC spokesman Bill Burton, who had maintained in an earlier story that the ad is accurate, declined to make an additional comment for today's story.

When asked why his station decided to drop the ad, John Mann, WSBT general manager, said the station's policy is not to discuss advertising and content-related issues with anyone other than the advertiser.


However, Mann said the station rejects dozens of ads each year, both political and nonpolitical. WSBT and The Tribune are owned by Schurz Communications Inc.








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**TOP STORY: DCCC AD PULLED OFF AIR IN LEXINGTON, KY AND CINCINNATI, OH**

A misleading DCCC ad alleging that Rep. Geoff Davis [KY-04] supports privatization was pulled off the air in Lexington, KY and Cincinnati, OH. WLAP 630 in Lexington pulled the DCCC ads off the air on Thursday, with WLAP and WVCK following suit, according to Greg Shumate, an attorney representing the Davis campaign. Democrats were forced to change the ad in Cincinnati after two radio stations there pulled the ad from rotation. WLW and WKRC in Cincinnati requested the ad be edited, because the original ad was false.

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**FBI RAIDS LOUISIANA DEMOCRAT'S OFFICE AS EVIDENCE SURFACES THAT REP. JEFFERSON ACCEPTED BRIBES FROM FBI INFORMANT**

Several stories during the weekend dealt with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Saturday night raid on the congressional office of Louisiana Democrat Rep. William Jefferson. Here is a compendium of those headlines and links to those dispatches:

"FBI details Jefferson's dealings" ([The Times-Picayune](#))

"FBI Searches Congressional Office of Louisiana Lawmaker" ([The Washington Post](#))



"FBI Says Jefferson Was Filmed Taking Cash" ([The Washington Post](#))

"Affidavit Details Bribery Probe of Congressman" ([Los Angeles Times](#))

"F.B.I. Searches Official's Office in Ethics Inquiry" ([The New York Times](#))

"F.B.I. Contends Lawmaker Hid Bribe in Freezer" ([The New York Times](#))

"FBI Raid Angers Some on Hill; Feds Probe Additional Jefferson 'Schemes'" ([Roll Call](#))

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#### IL-08: TEAMSTERS KEEP PRESSURE ON REP. BEAN FOR CAFTA VOTE

[Roll Call](#) (5/22, Newmyer) reports that "protesters, organized by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters" were on hand at a fundraiser for Rep. Melissa Bean [IL-08] to let the congresswoman know "that labor unions had neither forgotten nor forgiven her support for [CAFTA], which they vigorously opposed. ... The exchange highlighted what has become an increasingly heated debate in the labor movement over Bean — and more broadly, over the movement itself, which is in the throes of a transformation aimed at restoring its once-unrivaled political might. The central question for labor groups pondering Bean's race and others is whether unions should support Democrats simply for the sake of restoring them to a majority in one or both chambers of Congress. Instead, some union officials argue, they should focus on making sure the individual lawmakers they support, no matter what their party, strictly adhere to labor's interests. Among the 15 Democrats who crossed party lines to deliver CAFTA's winning margin, Bean continues to draw a disproportionate amount of fire for the vote from some unions, perhaps precisely because of her politically tenuous situation in a suburban Chicago district. ... After all, a wide swath of labor groups, including the IBEX, had laid out in stark terms the price they would exact from Democrats who supported the pact. In a letter to party leaders before the vote, they declared, 'Our work to help at-risk members, at your urging, will not extend to those who vote against us on this issue.'"

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#### TX-22: REP. DELAY TO USE DOCUMENTARY TO PROVE RONNIE EARLE'S POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS

[The Daily News](#) in Galveston County, TX (5/20, Aulds) reports that "[Rep.] Tom DeLay [TX-22] doesn't plan to buy tickets to see the movie 'The Big Buy: How Tom DeLay Stole Congress.' But he may be offering up his own premiere of the documentary — in court. DeLay spokeswoman Shannon Flaherty said, while the outgoing congressman doesn't much like how he is portrayed in the movie, certain scenes might become part of his defense against state charges of money laundering brought by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle. DeLay's attorney Dick DeGuerin confirmed that there is a good chance the film will play a role in the congressman's defense.' We are going to use part of that film to prove (Earle) was lying to the public when he was telling the lawyers for Tom DeLay that Tom DeLay was not a target,' DeGuerin said Friday. Much of the film — which had its Houston premiere Friday — follows Earle. Those scenes, said Flaherty, not only show Earle was a politically motivated partisan, but that the Democratic district attorney lied to lawyers representing DeLay."



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#### TX-17: REP. EDWARD BIG OIL \$\$\$, TAYLOR'S APPEAL MAKE IT A RACE

An op-ed by Brendan Conway in today's The Washington Times: 'Generally speaking, a politician should try to be innocent of the charges he levels against opponents. So maybe it's a sign of Democratic U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards' [TX-17] desperation that he and his cohorts have done away with this nicety in their attempts to head off challenger Van Taylor. At this early point in election 2006, Mr. Taylor -- a 33-year-old Iraq veteran and first-time office-seeker -- looks to be the only Republican Iraq veteran with a strong chance of being elected to Congress this fall. Mr. Edwards and friends have spent the last two months trying to paint Mr. Taylor as an oil profiteer because his disclosure statements reveal that he owns at least \$11 million in ExxonMobil stock, much of it inherited. Will that kind of class-warfare rhetoric and resentment work in Texas? Beyond the obvious oil-country doubts, there's the inconvenient fact that Mr. Edwards and his supporters arguably are in greater cahoots with ExxonMobil and other Big Oil players than Mr. Taylor. Mr. Edwards has taken \$48,000 in energy contributions this cycle according to the Center for Responsive Politics -- including \$4,000 from ExxonMobil's political-action committee. Mr. Taylor, by contrast, hasn't taken a dime from the world's largest publicly traded oil company, nor from any special interests in energy.'

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#### NY-20: SEN. MCCAIN HEADLINES FUNDRAISER FOR SWEENEY; GILLIBRAND DOES NOT APPEAR WITH REP. EMANUEL

Capital News 9 in Saratoga, NY (5/21, Schick) reports that "Representative John Sweeney [NY-20] entertained Arizona Senator John McCain in Saratoga Springs on Saturday. ... I am confident of his re-election, but the best way you get re-elected is you work as hard as you can to get re-elected,' Senator McCain said. Sweeney looked fit, but has had health problems recently. ... 'I think when people go to the polls and make their selection, I think they will appreciate the many years of service to the district,' said McCain."

From the Albany Times Union (5/21, Perry) story on the McCain appearance: "Sweeney's deputy chief of staff, Melissa Carlson, said [Democrat candidate Kirsten] Gillibrand's camp canceled today's fundraiser with Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., because of pressure exerted by Republicans. The Clifton Park GOP issued a release Thursday calling Emanuel, a Chicago congressman, 'corrupt.' Hyers said the accusation was ridiculous and that Emanuel couldn't come to the fundraiser because of a family emergency. Steny Hoyer, the House Democratic whip, will come to the Crown Plaza event in his place tonight, Hyers said."

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#### GA-12: REP. BARROW RANKED LEAST POWERFUL MEMBER OF GEORGIA DELEGATION

The Savannah Morning News (5/21, Peterson) notes that "[Rep.] John Barrow [GA-12] has been ranked the least powerful of all Georgia's 13 U.S. House members. Moreover, the Savannah Democrat has been found to have less clout than all but seven of the House's 435 members. The ratings were compiled by Knowlegis, a Washington, D.C. firm that provides lobbyists and advocacy groups data on legislation and members of



Congress. ... Barrow has introduced several bills, but none has made it to a vote on the House floor. Republican Max Burns, trying to win back the seat Barrow took from him in 2004, fired off a press release highlighting his opponent's reported lack of clout. 'We've been very blessed with a number of great congressmen that have represented this area,' said Burns. '... But now we've got a congressman who has simply not provided any leadership whatsoever.' The release also said that, in contrast to Barrow, Burns 'proved to be one of the most legislatively prolific freshmen representatives in congressional history.'

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#### VT-AL: FIRST LADY STUMPS FOR MARTHA RAINVILLE IN ESSEX

An Associated Press (5/19, Ring) dispatch from Essex, VT: 'First Lady Laura Bush drew Republican Party stalwarts Friday to support former National Guard chief Martha Rainville in Rainville's bid to be Vermont's next member of the U.S. House. Organizers hoped to raise between \$130,000 and \$150,000 from the event, with the proceeds split between Rainville's campaign and the Vermont Republican Party. Couples paid \$5,000 to meet privately with Bush. The general reception cost \$200. Martha will be a passionate advocate for Vermont values in the House of Representatives,' Bush said after being introduced by Rainville. 'Her military leadership experience makes her uniquely qualified to serve at this crucial time in our nation's history,' Bush said. Bush talked of Rainville's role as being the first woman to lead a state National Guard and her experience leading the Vermont Guard through five natural disasters during her first 18 months she was adjutant general. Late in her tenure, Rainville oversaw Vermont's contribution to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. 'She paved the way for other women,' Bush said during her 10-minute remarks. 'And America's National Guard now has two more women adjutant generals. Thank you, Martha, for being a role model for women across our country.'

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