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Congressman Cannon: Do the Right Thing, For Once

Utah citizens should seriously question Mr. Cannon's motives and ethics if he does not immediately return more than **55k in Dirty Money**.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Utah Democratic Party Chair Wayne Holland calls upon Congressman Chris Cannon to do the right thing, for once, and return the ill gotten gains given to him by a group of people facing criminal charges including former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay, his friends David Safavian and Jack Abramoff, and their connected contributions.

Statement from Utah Democratic Party Chairman Wayne Holland:

Despite serious criminal charges facing DeLay, Safavian and Abramoff, Congressman Chris Cannon continues to hold onto tens of thousands of dollars.

This situation might easily be explained as an unlucky coincidence, but given Cannon's past history of favored protégé's with legal entanglements such as Chuck Warren, Neal Blair and David Safavian, he is sending the message that he's morally ambiguous and that unethical and dishonest political tactics don't matter.

In addition to the flurry of criminal investigations swirling around the Congressman's time in office, Mr. Cannon seems to be a bit of scandal magnet himself with at least thirteen lawsuits to his credit.* He has been sued for non-payment of wages by his former employees Chet Poulton, David Scholes and Chuck Muth (who calls the Congressman a "serial deadbeat"), been plagued by numerous allegations of campaign finance violations leading to an audit, the recent batch of reports containing allegations of money for votes to benefit donors and clients of his former Chief of Staff Safavian and close friend Abramoff.

With DeLay's indictments and his repetitive charges by the House Ethics Committee, and the arrest of long time Cannon donor and employee Safavian and his associate Jack Abramoff, Congressman Cannon should return the money he's taken from any questionable sources. Cannon's continued refusal to return this dirty money raises serious questions about Cannon's own conduct and moral compass.

Mr. Cannon obstinately denies that he's exchanged money for votes. Fine, prove it. Give the money back!

Individual Contributions That Should Be Returned By Mr. Cannon

NAME	CORPORATION	DATE	AMOUNT
Bethany Noble	Janus – Merritt	10/17/2005	250.00
Mark Robertson	Janus – Merritt	11/05/1999	500.00
Mark Robertson	Janus – Merritt	03/29/2001	500.00
Mark Robertson	Janus – Merritt	10/31/2001	500.00
Mark Robertson	Janus – Merritt	06/09/2003	500.00
Mark Robertson	Janus – Merritt	08/09/2004	2000.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	06/24/1999	500.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	11/05/1999	500.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	08/02/2000	500.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	10/11/2002	500.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	03/31/2004	250.00
David Safavian	Janus – Merritt	06/11/2004	500.00
Daniel Walsh	Janus – Merritt	06/29/2001	500.00
Daniel Walsh	Janus – Merritt	03/20/2003	500.00

		JANUS-MERRITT	TOTAL
			\$8,000.00
Manus Cooneg	Napster	02/21/2002	500.00
Manus Cooneg	Napster	05/03/2004	1000.00
Manus Cooneg	Napster	05/09/2005	1000.00
Sean Fanning	Napster	02/21/2002	250.00
		NAPSTER	TOTAL
			\$2,750.00
Jack Abramoff	Greenburg Traurig	12/02/2005	1000.00
Jack Abramoff	Greenburg Traurig	03/13/2003	1000.00
Ronald Platt	Greenburg Traurig	03/07/2003	1000.00
Gary Shiffman	Greenburg Traurig	06/23/2003	1000.00
Nancy Taylor	Greenburg Traurig	05/07/1999	250.00
		GREENBURG TRAURIG	TOTAL
			\$4,250.00
Chuck Warren	Bully Pulpit	03/03/2003	500.00
Tim Peckinpaugh	PGE (Safavian)	05/07/1999	250.00
		PGE	TOTAL
			\$750.00
		“Inv.” Money	TOTAL
			\$15,750

Corporate / Lobbyist Contributions That Should Be Returned by Mr. Cannon

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
ARMPAC	12/28/97	5,000.00
ARMPAC	06/10/04	5,000.00
	ARMPAC	TOTAL
		\$10,000.00
Echostar	03/24/2004	1000.00
	ECHOSTAR	TOTAL
		\$1,000.00
Greenburg Traurig	12/21/2001	1000.00

Greenburg Traurig	03/11/2003	1000.00
Greenburg Traurig	04/21/2004	1000.00
Greenburg Traurig	06/09/2004	1000.00
Greenburg Traurig	02/24/2005	1000.00
	GREENBURG	TOTAL
		\$5,000.00
Preston Gates Ellis (PGE)	06/02/1997	500.00
Preston Gates Ellis (PGE)	10/10/2001	500.00
	PGE	TOTAL
		\$1,000.00
Global Crossing	10/06/2000	500.00
	GLOBAL	TOTAL
		\$500.00
News America Holdings	10/10/2000	500.00
News America Holdings	10/08/2002	1000.00
News America Holdings	06/04/2003	1000.00
News America Holdings	09/24/2003	2000.00
News America Holdings	03/29/2004	1000.00
News America Holdings	06/10/2004	1000.00
News America Holdings	05/17/2005	2000.00
	NAH - FOX	TOTAL
		\$8,500.00
MCI INC	06/01/1999	500.00
MCI INC	11/22/1999	2000.00
MCI INC	08/07/2000	1000.00
MCI INC	10/23/2000	1000.00
MCI INC	05/22/2001	1000.00
MCI INC	03/29/2004	1000.00
MCI INC	03/29/2004	1500.00
MCI INC	06/10/2004	2500.00
MCI INC	09/14/2004	1000.00
MCI INC	10/07/2004	1500.00
MCI INC	02/16/2005	1500.00
	MCI	TOTAL
		\$14,500
	CORP / LOB MONEY	TOTAL

		\$40,500
	<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>\$56,250</i>

*13 Suits Against Cannon with case numbers

Utah Fourth District Court, Utah County

020402046: CIT Communications vs. Chris Cannon

998400159-SC: Brad Sears/REMS Inc. vs. Chris Cannon

926409037: Utah State Tax Commission vs. Chris Cannon/Cannon Industries

926409038: Utah State Tax Commission vs. Chris Cannon/Cannon Industries

0204404442: Chet Poulton/David Scholes vs. C4 Communications, Inc., Integrated Campaign Systems, Inc., and Chris Cannon

Utah Third District Court, Salt Lake County

930003572-CV: Salt Lake County vs. Chris Cannon

966905979: Industrial Commission vs. Robert Watson/Chris Cannon

980903909: Crelley Mackey vs. Chris Cannon

990123-CA: Crelley Mackey vs. Chris Cannon

910907365: Valley Bank and Trust vs. Promintory Sys. Inc. & Chris Cannon

930902338: Dieter Kunkel vs. TerraNova Dist. & Chris Cannon

900900290: Lloyd V. Owen vs. Fresh Air Inc. & Chris Cannon

These do not include suits Rep. Cannon settled to avoid trial.

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