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Donate the Dirty Dollars

Fortenberry Should Donate \$4,000 to Charity

LINCOLN, NE – Nebraska Democratic Party leadership is asking the public to join them in demanding Representative Jeff Fortenberry donate the \$4,000 in campaign contributions from Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham’s political action committee to a Nebraska charity. Earlier this week, Cunningham resigned from Congress after admitting to taking more than \$2 million in bribes relating to defense contracts.

The NDP has started a petition on their website, www.nebraskademocrats.org, calling on Fortenberry to donate the money to charity. The collection of signatures will show that Nebraskans expect Fortenberry to follow through with his campaign commitment to represent the people of Nebraska with honor. While running for office in 2004, Fortenberry said he would focus on “helping restore integrity to the political process.” [[Associated Press](#), 1/16/04]

Fortenberry’s congressional colleague from Iowa, Rep. Jim Nussle, has already vowed to donate the \$1,000 he received to a local charity. Fortenberry should follow suit. Fortenberry received the contributions in October 2004 from Cunningham’s American Prosperity PAC. [www.opensecrets.org]

“These campaign contributions are yet another chain linking Fortenberry to the culture of corruption in the Republican Party,” said Steve Achelpohl, Nebraska Democratic Party Chairman. “Will Fortenberry have the decency and common sense to distance himself from Cunningham’s dirty actions and contaminated money by doing something meaningful with the money?”

Fortenberry still has not returned or donated the \$20,000 in campaign contributions from Tom Delay’s PAC.

The NDP encourages Nebraskans who are equally outraged to sign the petition asking Rep. Fortenberry to donate the \$4,000 to charity. When the petition is completed, it will be delivered to Fortenberry’s congressional office in Lincoln.

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