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DROP THE HAMMER

American Progress Action Fund Launches a Campaign to Urge Tom DeLay's Corporate Backers to Request Their Money Back

Washington, DC – The American Progress Action Fund launched a new website today that exposes ethical lapses by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. The website, www.DropTheHammer.org, enables users to uncover DeLay's web of corruption and calls for an e-mail campaign targeting his corporate backers.

“Consumers shouldn't have to facilitate Tom DeLay's unethical behavior with their purchases,” said Laura Nichols, Vice President of Communications for the Center for American Progress. Nichols added, “We demand that these companies ask for their money back and drop their support of Tom DeLay.”

DeLay is widely regarded as the most powerful member of Congress. His abuse of this power has encircled him in a web of scandal. He has already been admonished three times by the bipartisan House Ethics Committee, and a political action committee he set up in Texas is currently the subject of a grand jury investigation.

A network of large corporate backers has come, cash-in-hand, to DeLay's defense. American Airlines, Bacardi USA, Nissan USA, RJ Reynolds, and Verizon have all contributed thousands to DeLay's Legal Defense Fund. The website aims to increase corporate accountability by demanding that these companies ask for their contributions back.

On the web:

www.DropTheHammer.org
www.AmericanProgressAction.org

About the American Progress Action Fund

The American Progress Action Fund is the sister advocacy organization of the Center for American Progress. The Action Fund transforms progressive ideas into policy through rapid response communications, legislative action, grassroots organizing and advocacy, and partnerships with other progressive leaders throughout the country and the world. The Action Fund is also the home of the Progress Report.