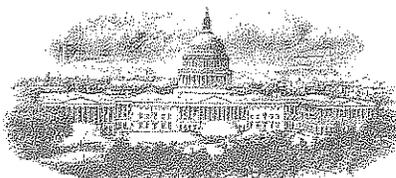


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July 6, 2011

Chairman Jo Bonner  
Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bonner,

I am writing today to request an opinion on recent donations made to the "Congressman Don Young Legal Expense Trust."

According to Page 4 of the Trust agreement, contributions are limited by the following:

6. *Prohibited Contributions: The Trustee may not knowingly accept any gift or donation that is prohibited by or is in excess of the limits established by the Legal Expense Fund regulations issued by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or that is prohibited by any other laws, rules or regulations governing such contributions as interpreted by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. In particular:*

a. *The Trust shall not knowingly accept more than \$5000 in a calendar year from any individual or organization.*

b. *The Trust shall not knowingly accept any contribution from a registered lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal.*

c. *The Trust shall not knowingly accept any pro bono legal service of a value of more than \$5000 from any single source in any calendar year.*

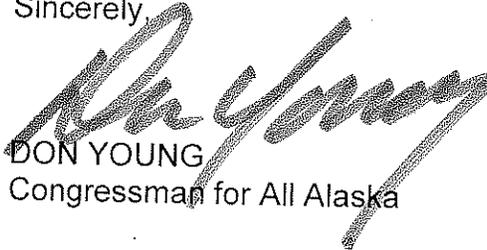
*If any prohibited contribution is inadvertently accepted, the Trustee shall as soon as practical after becoming aware of the prohibited nature of the contribution, return it in its entirety to the donor (if from a prohibited source) or return the excess of \$5000 to the donor (if prohibited because of the amount).*

During the reporting period ending March 31, 2011 twelve contributions were made to the Trust by companies owned in Louisiana. Before the contributions were

made the Trustee was asked if multiple companies owned by the same individual could legally donate to the Trust. In this particular case, the Trustee's opinion was that if the twelve companies in question were separate legal entities and operated under separate financial records that they could each make a legal donation to the Trust.

I believe the Trustee used her best legal judgment in this situation since the above rules do not speak to this specific question. I want to ensure that the Trust complies with all applicable House rules and would ask that the Committee provide me with an Advisory Decision on this matter. I appreciate your time and assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Young", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

DON YOUNG  
Congressman for All Alaska