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IS SIMMONS WORKING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS?

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Letters To The Editor:

A national ethics group, the Public Campaign Action fund, is taking out ads to highlight the many ethics violations of Tom DeLay, the Republican congressional leader who more than anyone is responsible for the corrupt and right-wing actions of this Congress. The ads are being targeted to the 2nd Congressional District, because one of Mr. DeLay's friends, for whom he has raised large amounts of money, is Rob Simmons.

Now we find out that Congressman Simmons is also the recipient of monies from Anthony Ravosa, the man who brokered the CRRA/Enron deal which has cost Connecticut taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Although it wouldn't be fair to judge a politician by any single contribution, when a pattern begins to develop, we can draw some conclusions. Rep. Simmons gets large amounts of money from corrupt people. Can we be confident his vote is unaffected? His first vote when Congress convened in 2005 was to gut the ethics standards in the House, a measure to protect Tom DeLay.

Is any of this in the interest of citizens of Southeastern Connecticut ? It seems that we'd be better off electing a Democrat like Joe Courtney. ■

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