

RHETORIC V. WILSON'S RECORD ON ETHICS

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<p>Wilson : "I live my life based on an honor code... we will not lie, steal or cheat."</p>	<p><i>Heather Wilson only represents special interests. She has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from lobbyists, almost a million dollars from the energy industry, and almost half a million from pharmaceutical companies. Only big business can afford to have her represent them.</i></p> <p>11th Biggest Recipient Of Money From Big Oil And Gas Companies: Wilson has taken \$413,470 from those special interests while repeatedly voting to give them federal tax breaks and handouts. Clearly, the only one not benefiting from such an arrangement are the consumers of New Mexico who have to pay record prices to fill up their tanks. [www.opensecrets.org]</p> <p>Wilson Took \$13,000 From Halliburton While Voting Against Contractor Oversight: Wilson took tens of thousands of dollars from Halliburton, the recipient of billions of dollars worth of no bid contracts. During this same time she also voted against Congressional oversight of how such monies in Iraq were spent. [www.opensecrets.org, HR 1268, Vote #72, 3/15/05; Committee on Government Reform Minority Staff, www.democrats.reform.house.gov]</p> <p>Wilson Has Taken Close To \$150,000 From Lobbyists: In the 8 years that she has been in office, Wilson has taken \$148,976 in contributions from lobbyists. [www.opensecrets.org]</p> <p>Wilson Has Taken Over \$100,000 From Pharmaceutical Companies</p>

And Voted For Plan That Favors Drug Companies: Wilson took this money while voting to forbid Medicare from negotiating for lower prices and actually raising prices for seniors through a prescription drug program that favors big business. [www.opensecrets.org, HR 1, Vote #332, 6/27/03, Alan Sanger, Boston University

School of Public Health, 10/31/03, H.R. 1, Vote # 668, 11/21/03]

2003: Wilson Voted For Medicare Plan That Gave Drug Companies \$139 BILLION And Increases The Cost Of Drugs For Seniors: In 2003, Wilson voted for a prescription drug plan that pushed seniors into HMOs, had no limits on premiums, and contained a massive gap in coverage that would cost many seniors thousands. That same plan gave pharmaceutical companies \$139 BILLION in profits. Clearly, the Bush-Cheney-Wilson administration cares more about big corporations than the average consumers. [HR 1, Vote #332, 6/27/03, Alan Sanger, Boston University School of Public Health, 10/31/03]

- **2003: Wilson Voted Against Negotiating For Lower Drug Prices For New Mexicans.** In 2003, Wilson voted against allowing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower drug prices with pharmaceutical companies. The Secretary would have the authority to use the purchasing power of the federal government to negotiate contracts with manufacturers in order to ensure that enrollees in the new Medicare prescription drug benefit paid the lowest possible price. Drug manufacturers lobbied heavily against drug re-importation and price negotiations in part because of the lower consumer costs it would bring. [H.R. 1, Vote

668, 11/21/03]

Wilson: "I have a record of independence."

Actually Wilson agrees with the leaders of her party almost ALL THE TIME. In fact she voted in line with the Bush administration more than 80% of the time. Wilson also voted the same as indicted Majority Leader Tom DeLay 90% of the time. She also took tens of thousands of dollars from some of the most corrupt members of Congress including Rep. Duke Cunningham, who resigned from Congress under bribery charges, and Rep. Bob Ney, named in the corruption investigation of super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Heather Wilson Votes With The Bush-Cheney Administration More Than 80% Of The Time. Wilson has voted in line with the Bush party line almost 83% percent of the time. Although she presents herself as a moderate, Heather Wilson's voting record shows that she is in lockstep with the Bush-Cheney administration. [CQ Special Vote Report]

2006: Wilson Went To A Bush Fundraiser Instead Of Voting For A Plan To Bring Our Troops Home. Clearly Heather Wilson thinks it's more important to line her own campaign coffers than to bring our soldiers home safely. Wilson abandoned her congressional duties to raise money with the President. She missed a vital vote on the Iraq war which would have established a timetable for troop withdrawal; instead she attended a \$1,000 fundraiser with George Bush. [HRS 861, Vote #288, 6/16/2006, *New York Times*, 6/17/2006, *Albuquerque Tribune*,

6/17/2006]

Wilson Voted with Republican Majority Leader DeLay 90% of the Time. According to Congressional Quarterly, between January 2001 and the end of September 2005, Wilson has voted with former House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay 90% of the time. [CQ Custom Vote Report]

Wilson Has Taken Nearly \$50,000 from Criminally Indicted Tom DeLay. Since 1998, Wilson has taken \$46,959 from DeLay's Americans for a Republican Majority PAC (ARMPAC). The former House Majority Leader was indicted in September 2005 on charges related to his involvement in a scheme to funnel corporate money, which is barred in Texas, to candidates for the Texas Legislature through the Republican National Committee. [Political Money Line; www.tray.com; Washington Post, 9/30/05; Frontrunner, 10/5/05]

Wilson Accepted \$1,000 from Indicted Super Lobbyist Jack Abramoff. In 2002, Jack Abramoff contributed \$1,000 to the Wilson's campaign committee. Abramoff was indicted in August 2005 by a federal grand jury on five counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy stemming from a purchase of a fleet of Florida gambling boats from a businessman who was later killed in a gangland-style hit. [Washington Post, 8/12/05]

Wilson Took \$5,000 from Corrupt Member of Congress, Duke Cunningham. Since being elected to Congress in 1998, Wilson has accepted \$5,000 from Duke Cunningham and his PAC, American Prosperity. Cunningham resigned from Congress in November 2005 after admitting to accepting \$2.4 million in bribes. [Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org]

Wilson Has Taken Nearly \$40,000 From Blunt, Named One of the Most Corrupt Members of Congress. Since 2000, Wilson has taken \$37,999 in campaign contributions from Rep. Roy Blunt's PAC, Rely on Your Beliefs Fund. In 2005, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), named Blunt one of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress. CREW named Blunt because of his alleged "misuse of his position for the benefit of his family." [Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org; Joplin Globe, 9/27/05]

Dick Cheney Headlined a Fundraiser for Wilson. In August 2003 Vice President Dick Cheney was a guest at a fundraiser for Wilson which collected nearly \$180,000. [Roll Call, 10/21/03]

