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THE POWER BUG



HAS BITTEN RICHARD POMBO



RICHARD POMBO HAS **GONE WASHINGTON** — AND IT'S TAKING A BITE OUT OF WORKING FAMILIES

We've heard about politicians "going Washington." They get bitten by the power bug and become out-of-touch, forgetting the values of our community. These politicians don't just think they are better than us, they don't think of us at all.

After 13 years in the swamp of Washington politics, there is no doubt that Richard Pombo has been bitten badly.

Instead of fighting for affordable health care, good jobs, fair wages and Social Security, Pombo has been fighting for lobbyists and special interests.

"...[Pombo] is at the diseased heart of the quid-pro-quo process that defines Washington politics today. To send him back to the Capitol endorses a system we can no longer tolerate..."

(Modesto Bee, 10/10/06)

**It's time to drain the swamp.
Let's send Richard Pombo back home.**

Look at the Facts:

- *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington* has called Pombo "one of the most corrupt" members of Congress.¹
- Pombo moved from junior member to chairman of the House Resources Committee with the support of disgraced former Majority Leader, Tom DeLay.²
- Richard Pombo has received more than \$35,000 in contributions from convicted Congressional briber Jack Abramoff and Indian tribes Abramoff represented, including \$27,000 from the Mashpee Wampanoag of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts tribe received federal recognition from a bill Pombo passed through the Resources Committee in 2004.³
- An Alaskan oil services company under federal investigation in connection with allegations of influence peddling has contributed nearly \$18,000 to Pombo.⁴
- Pombo joined former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas to oppose an investigation by federal banking regulators into the affairs of Houston millionaire Charles Hurwitz for his role in the collapse of a Texas savings and loan that cost taxpayers \$1.6 billion.⁵

On Tuesday, November 7th, vote Jerry McNerney for Congress.