

2002 PHARMACEUTICAL CONTRIBUTIONS, BY PARTY—
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Rank	Organization	Amount	Democrats (percent)	Republicans (percent)
5	Pharmacia Corp	1,480,241	22	78
6	GlaxoSmithKline	1,301,438	22	78
7	Wyeth	1,188,919	17	83
8	Johnson & Johnson	1,075,371	39	61
9	Schering-Plough Corp	1,057,978	21	79
10	Aventis	954,349	22	78

Source: Center for Responsive Politics.

REGARDING REDISTRICTING
HEARING IN HOUSTON THIS SATURDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to call attention to the House to a racist piece of literature currently being circulated by the Harris County Republican Party to its e-mail subscribers. There is going to be a redistricting hearing in Harris County, Houston, on Saturday and so the Harris County Republican Party is right now e-mailing this information to all its regular subscribers. It says:

"She will be there to express her views. Will you be there to express yours?"

Who is "she"? She is the gentlewoman who is here with us right now, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE. There is a very nice colored picture of SHEILA, whom everyone can see is African American. SHEILA is one of four Democratic Congress Members from Harris County. The other three are white. One African American, three whites. Of course, the gentlewoman appears in this e-mail and there is no picture of GENE GREEN, who is white, there is no picture of CHRIS BELL, who is white, and there is no picture of NICK LAMPSON, who is white, there is only a picture of the one African-American Member.

And so what does it say? "She will be there to express her views. Will you be there to express yours? Reminder: Redistricting Hearing in Houston this Saturday." Then it gives the time and the place and the details. I would ask the gentlewoman from Houston, what does she think about this e-mail posted by the Harris County Republican Party on their Web site?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FROST. I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Obviously I think it is important that we all establish the fact that redistricting is a political process. That, in fact, our lines have been drawn by a duly organized and sanctioned Federal court, that we are in lines that have been reapproved by the voters of our respective districts and that this has not been done in the last 50 years, the redrawing of district lines. I am delighted to be one of four colleagues in the Harris County area, but I am offended by the fact that my picture is

used to provoke members of the Republican Party to attend a hearing that happens to be in my congressional district. It is true that my district by the Republican plan offered by the Republicans of Washington will be a plan that literally destroys the 18th Congressional District, cuts it in half, takes out the heart of that district, the very birthplace of the Honorable Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, will be taken out of the 18th District. In fact, one of my good constituents says that the 18th does not need a bypass nor does it need heart surgery.

And so I do not mind in an open hearing anyone coming. It is an open hearing. But I am certainly concerned. What is the message of my face being utilized over my colleagues' faces? What is the intent of even putting up a picture? They might say, "SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, GENE GREEN, CHRIS BELL, and NICK LAMPSON will be present. Will you be there?" That is a fair enough statement. That is a political statement. "The Democrats will be there. Will you be there?" But, no, in subtlety, not even the dignity of the name. I should sound a little bit modest. I would imagine there would be a lot of people who would not know who this is, but they know it is a black face. So maybe they are suggesting that a black person will be there to offer their views. Would you not want to run to the hearing so that you can offer yours?

I think this is a sad commentary. I believe and I hope that as I look at the Web page of Democrats and others who are working to get their constituents to this hearing that we will not stoop to this level. I want to simply say to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District in Texas, come out and have your voices heard. Come out and speak your views. You may agree or disagree with me. But I realize that those who want to be empowered will agree that this plan that they are putting forward does not help the people of the 18th Congressional District or the minorities who are represented in that district or the people that are represented in that district.

By the way, as the gentleman well knows, I represent a very diverse district and proudly so. People from all walks of life. But shame on the Harris County Republican Party. Shame on them for stooping to this level. Frankly, I am going to be reaching out and I am going to ask my constituents to call the Harris County Republican Party and ask them, do they not have a better way of communicating to the people a reasonable expression of soliciting their coming to this particular meeting.

Mr. FROST. I thank the gentlewoman for her eloquent statement. I would only observe that this type of racist appeal is something that we saw in our State 20 or 30 years ago. I thought we had moved beyond that. I am ashamed for the State of Texas and I am particularly ashamed for the Har-

ris County Republican Party that they would stoop to racism in the year 2003.

FEDERAL SPENDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, it seems that the Federal Government is so big and bureaucratic that it cannot do anything in an economical or efficient way. In fact, we read and hear about so many examples of waste of Federal money that we too often take it for granted or shrug our shoulders about it.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported recently that the Defense Department "couldn't account for more than a trillion dollars in financial transactions, not to mention dozens of tanks, missiles and planes." Listen to what this story said:

"Though defense has long been notorious for waste, recent government reports suggest the Pentagon's money management woes have reached astronomical proportions. A study by the Defense Department's Inspector General found that the Pentagon couldn't properly account for more than a trillion dollars in monies spent. A GAO report found defense inventory systems so lax that the U.S. Army lost track of 56 airplanes, 32 tanks and 36 Javelin missile command launch units."

This story, Mr. Speaker, was not based on reports from some antidefense group. It came from studies done by the Defense Department's own Inspector General and the General Accounting Office of the Congress. This comes on the heels of the Congress overwhelmingly voting for the biggest increase in defense spending ever. And now the Defense Department wants another mega-billion increase and a mega-billion supplemental appropriation, all taking place after we downsized the military by about 1 million troops and closed several bases. All of us want to support the military, but surely we cannot just sit around and allow such horrendous waste to continue.

Then there is the case, Mr. Speaker, of Eric Rudolph. The FBI spent untold millions and had hundreds of agents involved over several years in this manhunt. The FBI should be embarrassed that Rudolph was finally found by a rookie local small-town police officer who had only been on the force for about 9 months. And he found him in Rudolph's home area. We give far too much of our law enforcement dollar to Federal agencies which make only a very tiny fraction of the arrests, probably less than 1 percent. What we need to do is give far more of our law enforcement money to local police and sheriff's departments. They are the officers who are fighting the real crime, the street crime that people want fought.