

April 11, 2008

The Honorable Albert Wynn
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Wynn:

The Campaign Legal Center strongly urges you to resign immediately from your position as a U.S. Representative for the Fourth District of Maryland. Your decision to accept a job at Dickstein Shapiro, a major lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., while remaining in office until June raises significant potential conflicts of interest and certainly creates the appearance of conflicts. Your recent decision to step down from the House Energy and Commerce Committee was a first step, and removes a certain type of conflict involved in Committee work, but it is insufficient to deal with the broad range of issues raised by your acceptance of the position.

Are you planning on voting "present" on all of remaining the House floor votes? Do you intend to provide detailed public statements about the interests of Dickstein clients and explaining how they are affected by your votes and statements on the House floor? Do you intend to justify publicly with whom you meet and disclose the topics discussed? The simple and harsh truth is, even if you took these extraordinary measures, the concerns regarding conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts would remain to undermine public confidence in the institution.

Staying in Congress under such circumstances is both a disservice to your constituents and is damaging to the integrity of the U.S. House of Representatives. Your insistence on remaining in office will only serve to further tarnish the image of Congress in the eyes of the public.

Clearly continued service to Maryland's Fourth District is not among your top priorities or you would not be leaving your constituents without representation for the final months of your term or presenting them with the need to run an expensive special election just months before the general election is scheduled.

A lucrative career as a lobbyist awaits you regardless of when you leave office, but inasmuch as you have already accepted a position, the Legal Center urges you to leave office immediately.

Sincerely,



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