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Fact vs. Fiction: Debunking Joshua Segall's Spin About Mike Rogers' Record

Rogers' campaign responds to distortions

Anniston, AL— Since early July, Mike Rogers has been on the air with not one, but two, positive ads talking about his record on many of the issues that matter: our need for increased energy independence; more American made alternative fuels; an increased Minimum Wage; and the need to keep taxes low to help strengthen our economy and create jobs.

During that same time, Joshua Segall has run three negative ads – one of which he was forced to pull because of its inaccuracies – in an attempt to distort, mislead, and smear Mike Rogers' record for political gain. Actions speak louder than words, making Segall's call for running an honest campaign hypocritical at best.

Segall on His Own Hollywood Donors

- Segall Said: *"The ad calls me a "liberal" and says my campaign is funded by people in places like New York and Hollywood. This is flat-out wrong. You won't find a single Hollywood donor in my campaign finance records."*
(Segall Email and Segall Website:
http://www.segall2008.com/view_news.php?id=44)
- Truth: No matter how he explains it, Joshua Segall is wrong. Joshua Segall received several contributions from Left Coast entertainment folks in Hollywood and Los Angeles, including this one from Hollywood:

(NAME APPEARS ON FEC.GOV) (Address appears on FEC.gov) Hollywood, California 90028	Self-Employed	03/27/2008	100.00
	Actress		100.00

<http://query.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/dcdev/forms/C00442871/348932/sa/ALL>

Segall Misleading Attack #2

- Segall said: *Mike Rogers spent Memorial Day raising money.* (Segall is first to "go negative" this summer with www.washingtonchangedmike.com; forced to take down ad because he was wrong)

- Truth: Mike Rogers spent Memorial Day laying a wreath at the Montgomery Veterans Affairs hospital- period. He did not have a fundraiser that day - period. Josh Segall and his liberal friends will do whatever it takes to win this race - starting with spreading rumors, half-truths and blatant falsehoods.
<http://www.mikerogersforcongress.com/news.html>

Segall Misleading Attack #3

- Segall says: “Mike Rogers cast the deciding vote for CAFTA, costing thousands of Alabama jobs, one after another, lost to bad free trade deals. Trade deals Mike Rogers voted for.” (Source: current Segall negative attack ad)
- Truth: Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaO45jbusvI> (1:38 on video) In this video, Segall acknowledges that Rogers was not the “deciding vote on CAFTA.” Segall says, “he was the deciding vote, a lot of people were the deciding vote on CAFTA.” Once again, Joshua Segall tries to mislead voters, as if the CAFTA vote, which was supported by every major employer in the 3rd Congressional District, was decided by Mike Rogers and Mike Rogers only.
- Furthermore, contrary to Segall’s assertion “trade deals Mike Rogers voted for,” which trade deals? The fact is Mike Rogers has a strong record of voting against bad trade deals that are bad for East Alabama workers and employers. When it comes to protecting our workers, Mike Rogers votes his district – not his party. Major trade bills impacting Third District workers that Mike Rogers opposed:

Trade Agreement	3rd District Textile Industry	Rogers Official Action
Morocco Free Trade Agreement	OPPOSED	OPPOSED
Bahrain Free Trade Agreement	OPPOSED	OPPOSED
Oman Free Trade Agreement	OPPOSED	OPPOSED
Haiti Trade Preferences Bill	OPPOSED	OPPOSED
Columbia Free Trade Agreement – Rule for Consideration	OPPOSED	OPPOSED

Cites: Morocco Free Trade Agreement – July 22, 2004, Roll Call #413; Bahrain Free Trade Agreement – December 7, 2005, Roll Call #616; Oman Free Trade Agreement – July 20, 2006, Roll Call #392; Haiti Trade Preferences Bill, Rogers Signs Letter to Speaker Hastert Opposing Consideration – September 25, 2006; Rule to Block Consideration of the Columbia Free Trade Agreement – April 10, 2008, Roll Call #181