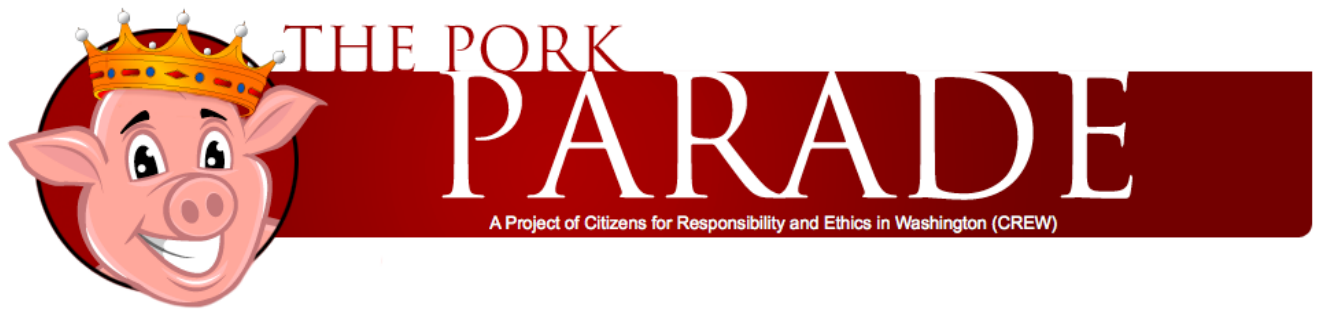




Congressman Duncan Hunter's Pork Parade

Unfortunately, trading earmarks for campaign contributions is business as usual in Washington. In July, CREW reported on senior Sen. Richard Shelby's (R-AL) [Pork Parade](#), detailing his extensive web of earmarks for former staffers' clients in exchange for campaign cash. Now, CREW has uncovered yet another episode of trading earmarks for campaign donations. This time, a freshman member of Congress is carrying on the earmarking traditions of his father.

Freshman Representative Duncan D. Hunter (R-CA) requested nearly \$30 million in earmarks for two companies that have donated heavily to his campaign and are connected to his father, former Congressman Duncan L. Hunter (R-CA). Duncan D. Hunter was [elected to his father's seat](#) in 2008 after his father retired from Congress.¹

Current Rep. Hunter requested [\\$26 million in earmarks](#) for General Atomics and [\\$3 million](#) for TREX Enterprises for Fiscal Year 2010.² General Atomics just so happens to be his largest campaign donor, [contributing at least \\$26,200](#) to his campaign and PAC since 2007.³ Rep. Hunter's [uncle founded TREX](#) in 1978, but is no longer employed by the firm; current employees of TREX have given at least \$10,350 to Rep. Hunter since 2007.⁴

Both of these companies have hired a former staffer to ex-Rep. Hunter to lobby on their behalf. Between 2003 and 2006, TREX employed the lobbying firm NorthPoint Strategies and its founding partner Frank C. Collins; General Atomics also employed the firm and Mr. Collins in 2003 and 2004.⁵ Mr. Collins founded the firm in 2002 after [serving as chief of staff to](#)

¹ Michael Burge, [Hunter Succeeds Father, Bilbray Keeps Seat](#), *San Diego Union Tribune*, November 5, 2008.

² http://hunter.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=124:fy10-approps&catid=35:constituent-services

³ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan D. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), Career, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cycle=Career&cid=N00029258&type=I>.

⁴ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan D. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), 2010 election cycle, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cid=N00029258&cycle=2010&type=C&newMem=N&recs=100>; Center for Responsive Politics, [Donor Lookup](#), TREX, 2007-Present.

⁵ NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Registration 2003](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record. NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Registration 2003](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying](#)

[convicted felon](#) former Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham (R-CA) and as district director to former Rep. Hunter.⁶ Both former congressmen routinely [earmarked](#) to General Atomics and even held [fundraisers](#) at General Atomics headquarters.⁷

Additionally, General Atomics was one of former Rep. Hunter’s largest campaign donors. From 1989-2008, employees [donated \\$70,400](#) to former Rep. Hunter’s campaign committee and leadership PAC.⁸ In 2003 and 2004, General Atomics paid \$120,000 in lobbying fees to NorthPoint Strategies.⁹

TREX Enterprises was also a major contributor to former Rep. Hunter between 2004 and 2008.¹⁰ TREX employees donated over \$10,000 to his campaign committee and leadership PAC.¹¹ From 2003-2006, TREX paid Mr. Collins and NorthPoint Strategies \$250,000 to lobby on its behalf.¹² In FY 2008, former Rep. Hunter [secured \\$1.2 million in federal earmarks](#) for TREX.¹³

[Disclosures, Year-End 2004](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year-End 2006](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; Center for Responsive Politics, [Frank C. Collins III: Revolving Door Employment Summary](#), http://www.opensecrets.org/revolving/rev_summary.php?id=25326.

⁶ [Id.](#)

⁷ Jen DiMascio, [New Drones Net Rosy Skies for Makers](#), *Politico*, November 23, 2009; Jerry Krammer and Dean Calbreath, [Lewis Subject of Earmarks Investigation, Source Says](#), *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, May 12, 2006.

⁸ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan L. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), Career, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cycle=Career&type=C&cid=N00006983&newMem=N&recs=100>.

⁹ NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2003](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year End 2003](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2004](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year End 2004](#), Client: General Atomics, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record.

¹⁰ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan L. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), 2004 election cycle, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cycle=2004&type=C&cid=N00006983&newMem=N&recs=100>; Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan L. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), 2006 election cycle, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cycle=2006&type=C&cid=N00006983&newMem=N&recs=100>; Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan L. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), 2008 election cycle, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cycle=2008&type=C&cid=N00006983&newMem=N&recs=100>

¹¹ [Id.](#)

¹² NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Registration 2003](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2003](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year-End 2003](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2004](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the

Mr. Collins and NorthPoint Strategies have also made contributions to current Rep. Hunter and have given at least \$4,500 since 2007, \$4,000 of which came directly from Mr. Collins.¹⁴

Congress only [approved \\$3.6 million](#) for the two companies, not nearly as staggering as the \$29 million current Rep. Hunter requested.¹⁵

Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year-End 2004](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2005](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year-End 2005](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Mid-Year 2006](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record; NorthPoint Strategies, LLC, [Lobbying Disclosures, Year-End 2006](#), Client: TREX Enterprises, Secretary of the Senate, Office of the Public Record.

¹³ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan D. Hunter: Earmarks FY 2008](#), <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00006983&cycle=2008>

¹⁴ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan D. Hunter: Top Contributors](#), 2010 election cycle, <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?cid=N00029258&cycle=2010&type=C&newMem=N&recs=100>; Center for Responsive Politics, [Donor Lookup](#), [NorthPoint Strategies](#), 2007-Present.

¹⁵ Center for Responsive Politics, [Duncan D. Hunter: Earmarks FY 2010](#), <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00029258&cycle=2010>