



Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood

Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY), the Prince of Pork, has publicly sworn off earmarking. However, CREW found Rep. Rogers has also used less transparent tactics to steer millions of federal dollars to a complicated web of pet recipients. Additionally, *Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood* details in unprecedented depth how companies and nonprofits tied to Rep. Rogers operate in tandem, sharing key personnel and awarding each other work.

This report examines the links between seven nonprofits Rep. Rogers helped start, a nonprofit venture capital firm, and eight private companies. Also included is Somerset, Kentucky-based Citizens National Bank, which is partially owned by Rep. Rogers.¹ The report lays out how Rep. Rogers' influence over the appropriations process and the ways he has structured federal spending in his southeastern Kentucky district leaves him positioned to continue directing money to favorite projects, regardless of the earmark ban.

Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood includes descriptions of each of the nonprofits and companies, and describes the connections between them. The first section of the report covers the seven nonprofits Rep. Rogers helped found: The Center for Rural Development, Inc. (CRD), Forward in the Fifth, Inc. (FIF), Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (SKED), Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. (TOUR SEKY), Eastern Kentucky Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment, Inc. (PRIDE), Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. (UNITE), and The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. (NIHS). The nonprofits collectively employ 147 people, according to their most recent tax forms.² The tax forms also disclose salaries for twelve paid board members – some whom work only part-time – who made an average of \$104,000 per year, ranging from a high of \$173,581 to a low of \$69,339.³ CREW also included nonprofit venture capital firm Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. (KHIC).

¹ Rep. Hal Rogers, Personal Financial Disclosure for Calendar Year 2009, filed May 14, 2010.

² The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, February 22, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part I, Line 12, February 16, 2010; The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 6, 2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 3, 2010; Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, November 4, 2009; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, October 30, 2009; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 7, 2010.

³ The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 22, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part IV, February 16, 2010; The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 6, 2010; Eastern Kentucky

The second part of the report covers the private companies linked to Rep. Rogers and the nonprofits: the Outdoor Venture Corp. (OVC), Phoenix Products, Inc., Senture, LLC, Boneal, Inc., Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates (MFT), Citizens National Bank, Wilson & Company, Preston-Osborne, and Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.

The Center for Rural Development, Inc. (CRD)

Rep. Rogers helped start CRD in 1995, saying he hoped to promote economic development in Southeast Kentucky.⁴ CRD operates out of a majestic 90,000 square foot building known locally as the "Taj Ma Hal," and Rep. Rogers played a key role in garnering the \$15.5 million in federal, state, and local tax dollars used to build it.⁵ Though technically owned and maintained by the University of Kentucky, the building also houses five of the other six nonprofits.⁶ CRD's programs include a weeklong youth leadership program named after Rep. Rogers, as well as a program to improve law enforcement technology.⁷

Connections

- Clay Parker Davis is CRD's board chairman.⁸ Mr. Davis was previously president of Citizens National Bank and is currently president of Citizens Bancshares, the bank's parent company.⁹ Mr. Davis also set up Rep. Rogers' political action committee (PAC), and the PAC has reported keeping its money at the bank.¹⁰
 - CRD has kept millions of dollars at Citizens National Bank.¹¹
 - Robert Harris, another director at the bank, was also a member of CRD's board.¹²
- Jerry Rickett is a member of CRD's board.¹³ Mr. Rickett is also the president and chief executive officer of the nonprofit venture capital fund KHIC.¹⁴

PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 3, 2010; Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, November 4, 2009; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, October 30, 2009; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 7, 2010.

⁴ <http://halrogers.house.gov/Initiatives/Crd.htm>;

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(s3wfwz4510xzxj55akfntzq4\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(s3wfwz4510xzxj55akfntzq4))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998).

⁵ John Cheves, 'Taj Ma-Hal' Epitomizes Rogers' Power, *Lexington Herald Leader*, February 6, 2005;

<http://msex.com/portfolio/civil-engineering-projects/site-design/center-for-rural-development/>;

<http://www.centertech.com/about/history.php>; Scott Higham and Robert O'Harrow Jr., *The Quest for Hometown Security*, *Washington Post*, December 25, 2005.

⁶ *Id.*; <http://www.centertech.com/affils/index.php>; <http://www.kypride.org/contactus.php>;

<http://www.tourseky.com/contact>; <http://www.southeastkentucky.com/contact.asp>;

<http://operationunite.org/contact/>; <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=Contact>.

⁷ <http://www.centertech.com/about/history.php>.

⁸ <http://www.centertech.com/about/execboard.php>.

⁹ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; Higham and O'Harrow Jr., *Washington Post*, Dec. 25, 2005.

¹⁰ Higham and O'Harrow Jr., *Washington Post*, Dec. 25, 2005; Help America's Leaders Political Action Committee (HALPAC), *FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization*, April 9, 2002.

¹¹ Higham and O'Harrow Jr., *Washington Post*, Dec. 25, 2005.

¹² <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2006 IRS Form 990, Part V-A, May 15, 2008.

¹³ <http://www.centertech.com/about/execboard.php>.

¹⁴ <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>.

- Mr. Rickett incorporated Center Realty, a real estate holding company wholly owned by CRD and worth more than \$400,000.¹⁵
- In 2003, CRD and KHIC began jointly offering online entrepreneurial classes to aspiring Kentucky business leaders, and continued the program through at least 2009.¹⁶
- J.C. Egnew was a county representative to CRD.¹⁷ Mr. Egnew is the chief executive officer of OVC, a tent manufacturer and defense contractor that has received millions in earmarks from Rep. Rogers.¹⁸
- Bob Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was an original CRD board member.¹⁹
 - Mr. Mitchell either helped set up or sat on the boards of six of the nonprofits.²⁰
 - In 2007, Gov. Ernie Fletcher (R-KY) appointed Mr. Mitchell to the Kentucky Oil and Gas Conservation Commission after Mr. Mitchell served as an advisor to his campaign.²¹
- Chris Girdler, Rep. Rogers' deputy district director, has been a member of CRD's executive committee.²²
- Jean Dorton, a member of the Kentucky Republican Party's executive committee, sits on CRD's board, and two other members, Gary Reece and Sandy Simpson, serve as county representatives to CRD's board.²³
- Hilda Gay Legg was CRD's first executive director.²⁴ Ms. Legg previously worked for Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), and became administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture after leaving CRD.²⁵
- Rep. Rogers held his wedding reception at the "Taj Ma Hal" in 1999.²⁶
- Rep. Rogers' campaign committee donated \$1000 to CRD in 2007 and 2008.²⁷

¹⁵ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(cyqxxvj45tizebh551fzfztrv\)\)/default.aspx?id=0668422&ct=06&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(cyqxxvj45tizebh551fzfztrv))/default.aspx?id=0668422&ct=06&cs=99999); The Center for Rural Development 2008 IRS Form 990, Schedule R, Part I, February 22, 2010.

¹⁶ New Program Launched to Boost Success of Kentucky Entrepreneurs, *The Lane Report*, August 1, 2003.

¹⁷ <http://www.centertech.com/about/fullboard.php>.

¹⁸ http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php; http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_ovc.php; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁹ http://www.legistorm.com/person/Robert_Luster_Mitchell/16711.html; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(fjfu3xy5iyyhjbzyitwklreo\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(fjfu3xy5iyyhjbzyitwklreo))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998).

²⁰ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(54n25drz140pw552ea3hrim\)\)/default.aspx?id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(54n25drz140pw552ea3hrim))/default.aspx?id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m\)\)/default.aspx?id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m))/default.aspx?id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m\)\)/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m))/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m\)\)/default.aspx?id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(gayses55j4qowk55sdx1qt3m))/default.aspx?id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(3ix3eluhoxpf5um4wb5ymg45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(3ix3eluhoxpf5um4wb5ymg45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0346689&ct=09&cs=99998); <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/43/0235243-09-99998-20060328-ARP-702421-PU.pdf>; Robert Mitchell, Personal Financial Disclosure for Calendar Year 2008, filed May 13, 2009.

²¹ Ryan Alessi, Fletcher Rewards Supporters Scores Appointed to State Boards, Commissions, *Lexington Herald Leader*, December 11, 2007.

²² Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers Welcomes New Deputy District Director, January 3, 2011.

²³ <http://rpk.org/executive-committee/>; <http://www.centertech.com/about/execboard.php>; <http://www.centertech.com/about/fullboard.php>.

²⁴ <http://www.usda.gov/rus/index2/LeggBio.htm>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/89/0346689-09-99998-19960701-ARP-2070151-PU.pdf>.

²⁵ Id.

²⁶ Tennessee Governor Plays Matchmaker for Kentucky Congressman, *Associated Press*, February 21, 1999.

- Rep. Rogers has earmarked almost \$11 million for CRD.²⁸
- The federal government has given CRD nearly \$28 million in grants.²⁹

Forward in the Fifth, Inc. (FIF)

In 1986, Rep. Rogers helped create FIF, an education nonprofit.³⁰ FIF's programs now appear to be run largely by CRD, and the group's budget and presence have dwindled.³¹ In 2009, it operated with a budget of a little more than \$150,000, compared to \$473,000 in 2004.³² Most of the material on the website is at least two years old.³³ The organization last reported having paid staff members in 2006.³⁴

In December 2009, Rep. Rogers announced a \$500,000 earmark for FIF.³⁵ Yet according to the Center for Responsive Politics' earmark database and Taxpayers for Common Sense, the \$500,000 actually went to CRD.³⁶

Connections

- FIF is housed at CRD.³⁷
- FIF's executive director, Jim Tackett, is also a vice president at CRD.³⁸ Mr. Tackett's \$90,109 salary comes from CRD rather than FIF.³⁹

Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (SKED)

Rep. Rogers helped create SKED, a local economic development group, in 1986.⁴⁰ Since then, SKED has given \$18 million in loans and grants to 50 businesses.⁴¹ SKED frequently acts

²⁷ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/expend.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

²⁸ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, The Center for Rural Development, Inc., 2000-2010.

²⁹ Id.

³⁰ <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=history>; <http://news.centertech.com/2011/01/04/forward-in-the-fifth-welcomes-new-chair-and-members/>;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(2aglfb5a05hq3nlzhx3kd45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0220668&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(2aglfb5a05hq3nlzhx3kd45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0220668&ct=09&cs=99999).

³¹ <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=home>; <http://www.centertech.com/programs/re.php>.

³² Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part I, Line 17, February 16, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2004 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 17, February 27, 2006.

³³ <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=home>; <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=history>.

³⁴ Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part I, Line 12, February 16, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2007 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, Lines 25-26, February 3, 2009; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2006 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, Lines 25-26, May 15, 2008.

³⁵ Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers Secures \$500,000 for Forward in the Fifth, December 11, 2009. Despite Rep. Rogers' December 2009 press release, USA Spending has no record of any earmarks for FIF.

³⁶ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>.

³⁷ <http://www.centertech.com/index.php>; <http://www.fif.org/mx/hm.asp?id=Contact>.

³⁸ <http://www.centertech.com/about/management.php>; The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 22, 2010.

³⁹ The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 22, 2010.

⁴⁰ <http://www.southeastkentucky.com/>; <http://halrogers.house.gov/Issues/Issue/?IssueID=8285>;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(5yzxtvuwcw4sat55kloi2n45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(5yzxtvuwcw4sat55kloi2n45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

⁴¹ <http://halrogers.house.gov/Issues/Issue/?IssueID=8285>.

as an intermediary, passing money from the federal government to local businesses.⁴² For example, on September 5, 2008, Rep. Rogers announced a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to SKED, which then loaned the money to OVC.⁴³ OVC's chairman and president is J.C. Egnew, a major campaign donor to the congressman, and it has benefited from more than \$8 million in Rogers-supported earmarks over the past three years.⁴⁴ Rep. Rogers also intervened with SBA to help SKED become a Certified Development Corporation, a designation that allows SKED to make larger loans.⁴⁵

Connections

- Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was a SKED incorporator.⁴⁶
- L. Ray Moncrief and Michael Hayes, both of KHIC, have been SKED board members.⁴⁷
- KHIC and SKED have worked together to loan money to local businesses and organizations.⁴⁸
- Cy Waddle, the incorporator of SKED, is a current Citizens National Bank-board member. Mr. Waddle is also chairman of the bank's parent company.⁴⁹
- David Ledford is a SKED general member.⁵⁰ Mr. Ledford is the president of Boneal, Inc., a manufacturing company that has received \$5 million in earmarks from Rep. Rogers.⁵¹
- Although Rep. Rogers does not appear to have earmarked any money for SKED, the federal government has made more than \$11 million in grants and loans to SKED.⁵²

⁴² Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers Announces \$600,000 to Create Jobs in Harlan County, October 27, 2009; Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rep. Rogers Announces Grant for More Internet Connectivity, September 20, 2007; Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers Announces SKED Financing Funds for Letcher County Job Creation Project, June 22, 2010.

⁴³ Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers: SKED to Receive \$300K for Local Business Development Loan, September 5, 2008.

⁴⁴ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>; CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Outdoor Venture Corp., 2001-Present;
http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php.

⁴⁵ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/52271331/CREW-SBA-Regarding-Rogers-Related-Non-Profits-3-30-11-FOIA-Final-Response>.

⁴⁶ http://www.legistorm.com/person/Robert_Luster_Mitchell/16711.html;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(1k0sha555tg3mr45u1kkpk3b\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(1k0sha555tg3mr45u1kkpk3b))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

⁴⁷ *Id.*; <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>; <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=2>.

⁴⁸ United States: Orthopedic Surgeon Grows Practice with SKED Loan, *Tenders Info*, December 1, 2008; Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2004 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 27 and Page 37, February 8, 2006.

⁴⁹ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(noxwmcrlqoowuh45yue5mpqy\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(noxwmcrlqoowuh45yue5mpqy))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

⁵⁰ <http://www.southeastkentucky.com/PDFs/SKED%20Progress%20Report%202010.pdf>.

⁵¹ http://www.boneal.com/letter_president.html;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>.

⁵² USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc., 2000-2010.

Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. (TOUR SEKY)

Rep. Rogers helped create TOUR SEKY in 1987 to promote tourism in southeast Kentucky.⁵³ TOUR SEKY operates a number of programs, including a downtown revitalization project.⁵⁴

Connections

- Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was secretary of TOUR SEKY's board.⁵⁵
- Mr. Rickett, of KHIC, has been both vice president and treasurer of TOUR SEKY's board.⁵⁶
- Birdie Watkins, an investment analyst at KHIC, is a TOUR SEKY board member.⁵⁷
- In 2003, TOUR SEKY borrowed \$250,000 from KHIC.⁵⁸
- TOUR SEKY has reported paying Senture to operate its tourism information hotline for at least seven years, including a payment of more than \$1 million in 2008, the most recent year for which information is available.⁵⁹
- Rep. Rogers has earmarked nearly \$700,000 for TOUR SEKY.⁶⁰
- The federal government has given TOUR SEKY nearly \$8 million in grants.⁶¹

Eastern Kentucky Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment, Inc. (PRIDE)

Rep. Rogers helped create PRIDE in 1998 to promote environmental conservation in southeast Kentucky.⁶² The organization is funded primarily by earmarks and grants awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).⁶³

⁵³ TOUR SEKY was previously known as the Southern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. (SEKTDA); <http://www.tourseky.com/about>;

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(zh5haf55brpwnl45j3j3p5r5\)\)/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(zh5haf55brpwnl45j3j3p5r5))/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99999).

⁵⁴ <http://www.tourseky.com/about>.

⁵⁵ <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/43/0235243-09-99998-20050926-SCG-436209-PU.pdf>;

http://www.legistorm.com/person/Robert_Luster_Mitchell/16711.html.

⁵⁶ <http://www.khic.org/biographies/5>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/43/0235243-09-99998-20030808-ARP-856019-PU.pdf>.

⁵⁷ <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=2>;

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(hbhuwp45hgmgsduflquvOrg\)\)/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(hbhuwp45hgmgsduflquvOrg))/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99998).

⁵⁸ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2004 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 37, February 8, 2006.

⁵⁹ <http://www.senture.com/pub/senturepressrelease.pdf>; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, October 30, 2009; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2007 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, October 8, 2008; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2006 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, July 6, 2007; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2005 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, August 18, 2006; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2004 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, November 23, 2005; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2003 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, August 23, 2004; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2002 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, November 26, 2003.

⁶⁰ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism, 2000-2010.

⁶¹ Id.

⁶² [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(mhk1mvtvchl0555htqib55\)\)/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(mhk1mvtvchl0555htqib55))/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999);

<http://halrogers.house.gov/Initiatives/Pride.htm>.

PRIDE's current president and chief executive officer, Karen Kelly, a former staffer for Rep. Rogers, is also the president and chief executive officer of another Rogers-affiliated nonprofit, UNITE.⁶⁴ Ms. Kelly's \$115,323 salary comes from UNITE.⁶⁵ Ms. Kelly is the second Rogers staffer to serve as executive director of PRIDE. She follows Jeffrey Speaks, Rep. Rogers' former projects coordinator and field representative, who was PRIDE's executive director in the early 2000s.⁶⁶

Connections

- Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was an original director at PRIDE.⁶⁷
 - In 2008, PRIDE took over the Riverwoods Environmental Education Corporation (REEC). At the time, Mr. Mitchell was a member of REEC's board of directors.⁶⁸
- Mr. Speaks, previously PRIDE's executive director and a former Rogers staffer, is now a lobbyist for Senture.⁶⁹
 - Mr. Speaks is closely tied to Mr. Mitchell. The two former colleagues and a third person, Thomas Smith, formed a partnership in 2008 and purchased land near Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.⁷⁰
- Jean Dorton and Colleen Chaney, both members of the Kentucky Republican Party's executive committee, have sat on PRIDE's board of directors.⁷¹
- In 2009, PRIDE named Phil Osborne to its board of directors.⁷² In 1997, PRIDE had contracted with Mr. Osborne's marketing firm, Preston-Osborne, for an education

⁶³ <http://www.kypride.org/about/index.html>; USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, 2000-2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VIII, Line 1e, May 3, 2010.

⁶⁴ Ms. Kelly was previously known as Karen Engle.

http://www.kypride.org/newsstory88cc.html?subaction=showfull&id=1182874487&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&; <http://operationunite.org/contact/>; <http://www.kypride.org/about/execcom.html>.

⁶⁵ Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 7, 2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 3, 2010.

⁶⁶ Kimberly Hefling, Kentucky Seeks to Clean Up Image – and Trash – With Tough Campaign, *Chicago Tribune*, April 30, 2000; <http://www.potomacstrategic.com/bio-jeff-speaks.shtml>; Jack O'Dwyer, *Jack O'Dwyer's Newsletter*, November 26, 1997.

⁶⁷ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(hru3pyj1bgt4nmu2vboaoa55\)\)/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(hru3pyj1bgt4nmu2vboaoa55))/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999); http://www.legistorm.com/person/Robert_Luster_Mitchell/16711.html.

⁶⁸ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(hdfpdledwbv3udbleldv3mbn\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0453119&ct=04&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(hdfpdledwbv3udbleldv3mbn))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0453119&ct=04&cs=99999).

⁶⁹ Hefling, *Chicago Tribune*, April 30, 2000; O'Dwyer, *Jack O'Dwyer's Newsletter*, Nov. 26, 1997; JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture, LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

⁷⁰ <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/66/0713966-18-99999-20080922-SPA-3256794-PU.pdf>.

⁷¹ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(pynik2aiorioof3uta3qahuv\)\)/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(pynik2aiorioof3uta3qahuv))/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999); http://www.kypride.org/newsstory63f8.html?subaction=showfull&id=1199254927&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&; <http://rpk.org/executive-committee/>.

⁷² http://www.kypride.org/newsstory6e8c.html?subaction=showfull&id=1247591317&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&.

campaign.⁷³ Also in 1997, Preston-Osborne hired Mr. Speaks from Rep. Rogers' office.⁷⁴

- Benny Ham was an original incorporator for both PRIDE and REEC.⁷⁵
 - Mr. Ham was the treasurer for Rep. Rogers' campaign committee from 1996 to 2001.⁷⁶
- Rep. Rogers has earmarked more than \$96 million for PRIDE.⁷⁷
- The federal government has given PRIDE nearly \$1 million in grants.⁷⁸

Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. (UNITE)

Rep. Rogers helped create UNITE in 2003, in response to a newspaper exposé on rampant drug use in southeast Kentucky.⁷⁹ UNITE operates a task force that coordinates police action among local, state, and federal officials, and also administers programs to keep people off of drugs.⁸⁰

Connections

- Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was UNITE's incorporator and still sits on the board.⁸¹
- Karen Kelly, a former staffer for Rep. Rogers, is UNITE's president and chief executive officer.⁸²
- UNITE holds its monthly board meetings at KHIC's headquarters, 40 miles from its own office.⁸³
- Rep. Rogers' campaign has donated money to UNITE, including \$32,000 in campaign contributions from disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff.⁸⁴
- Rep. Rogers' PAC donated \$3,000 to UNITE on January 20, 2010.⁸⁵

⁷³ Matt Batcheldor, Preston-Osborne Receives Award for PRIDE Publicity Work, *Lexington Herald Leader*, June 9, 2000; http://www.kypride.org/newsstory6e8c.html?subaction=showfull&id=1247591317&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&.

⁷⁴ O'Dwyer, *Jack O'Dwyer's Newsletter*, Nov. 26, 1997.

⁷⁵ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(hdfpdledwbv3udbleldv3mbn\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0453119&ct=04&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(hdfpdledwbv3udbleldv3mbn))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0453119&ct=04&cs=99999); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(hru3pyj1bgt4nmu2vboaoa55\)\)/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(hru3pyj1bgt4nmu2vboaoa55))/default.aspx?id=0453119&ct=09&cs=99999).

⁷⁶ Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 3, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, January 30, 1999; Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, August 15, 1996; Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 3, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, January 31, 2002; Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, February 5, 2002.

⁷⁷ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., 2000-2010.

⁷⁸ Id.

⁷⁹ <http://operationunite.org/about/overview/>; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(ctw0oqnrwiugzk45vqfk1445\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(ctw0oqnrwiugzk45vqfk1445))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999).

⁸⁰ <http://operationunite.org/investigations/task-force/>; <http://operationunite.org/treatment/>; <http://operationunite.org/youth-initiatives/>.

⁸¹ <http://operationunite.org/about/overview/>; http://www.legistorm.com/person/Robert_Luster_Mitchell/16711.html; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(crhef055einue055knjmxoae\)\)/default.aspx?id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(crhef055einue055knjmxoae))/default.aspx?id=0559186&ct=09&cs=99999).

⁸² http://www.kypride.org/newsstory88cc.html?subaction=showfull&id=1182874487&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&; <http://operationunite.org/contact/>.

⁸³ <http://operationunite.org/about/overview/>; <http://operationunite.org/contact/>.

⁸⁴ John Cheves, Rogers to Give Away \$32,000 from Abramoff's Casino Clients, *Lexington Herald Leader*, January 4, 2006; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/expend.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2006&page=2>.

- Rep. Rogers has earmarked nearly \$34 million for UNITE.⁸⁶
- The federal government has given UNITE nearly \$15 million in grants.⁸⁷

The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. (NIHS)

Rep. Rogers helped create NIHS in 2004, to improve Kentucky universities' chances of winning contracts from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).⁸⁸ At the time, Rep. Rogers chaired the appropriations subcommittee that oversaw the department's budget.⁸⁹ Since 2008, Rep. Rogers has earmarked \$32 million for NIHS.⁹⁰

NIHS is one of the most complicated entities that Rep. Rogers set up. NIHS manages what it calls the Kentucky Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (KCI), which in turn presides over a consortium of Kentucky universities called the Kentucky Homeland Security University Consortium.⁹¹ Federal money goes through the consortium to individual universities.⁹² It's not clear why the nonprofit created so many layers between the universities and the grant money.

In July 2008, Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) criticized NIHS on the floor of the House, offering an amendment that would have prohibited NIHS from getting federal money in the Fiscal Year 2010 DHS Appropriations bill.⁹³ Rep. Flake said of NIHS: "It appears that the purpose of the consortium and of the institute is to make Kentucky better at receiving Federal funds, arguably an admirable purpose. It's simply too bad that it's paid for with Federal funds."⁹⁴ Rep. Flake's amendment failed.⁹⁵

Connections

- Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Rogers' district administrator, was NIHS's incorporator.⁹⁶
- Mr. Rickett, of KHIC, was listed as an original director and the chair of NIHS's board in the nonprofit's first annual report.⁹⁷
- Mr. Egnew, of OVC, is the current NIHS board chair.⁹⁸

⁸⁵ Help America's Leaders Political Action Committee (HALPAC), FEC Form 3X, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, February 20, 2010.

⁸⁶ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Operation UNITE, 2000-2010.

⁸⁷ Id.

⁸⁸ <http://www.thenihs.org/about>.

⁸⁹ Higham and O'Harrow Jr., *Washington Post*, Dec. 25, 2005.

⁹⁰ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;

<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;

<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

⁹¹ <http://www.thenihs.org/kci-program>.

⁹² Id.

⁹³ John Cheves, Kentucky Milks Homeland Security Money, *Lexington Herald Leader*, July 23, 2010; H.AMDT.257, *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010*, H.R. 2892, available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

⁹⁴ Jeff Flake, Remarks on Funding The National Institute for Hometown Security by Earmark, Congressional Record, 110th Congress, July 17, 2008.

⁹⁵ <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2009/roll446.xml>.

⁹⁶ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(vvdqj445cfdhrhuebpxjl52w\)\)/default.aspx?id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(vvdqj445cfdhrhuebpxjl52w))/default.aspx?id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999).

⁹⁷ Id.

- Shannon Rickett, KHIC president Jerry Rickett's daughter, is the commercialization director of NIHS.⁹⁹
 - Ms. Rickett is a member of the executive committee of the Kentucky Republican Party.¹⁰⁰
 - Ms. Rickett is the chairwoman of the Republican Party of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, Rep. Rogers' district.¹⁰¹
- Rep. Rogers has earmarked \$32 million for NIHS.¹⁰²

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. (KHIC)

KHIC is a nonprofit venture capital firm based in London, Kentucky, that has connections to almost every other entity in Rep. Rogers' web.¹⁰³ Between 1998 and 2000, KHIC received \$2.5 million in earmarks, almost certainly thanks to support from Rep. Rogers.¹⁰⁴ Since 2000, KHIC has received more than \$17 million from the federal government in grants and loans and Rep. Rogers has announced many of these awards.¹⁰⁵ Rep. Rogers has also participated in many events at KHIC, including a groundbreaking for a business incubator for which he helped secure federal funds.¹⁰⁶ L. Ray Moncrief, KHIC's executive vice president and chief operating officer, donated \$8,000 to Rep. Rogers' campaigns over the past two election cycles, but not to any other federal candidates during that time period.¹⁰⁷ In 2007, Rep. Rogers also appointed Jerry Rickett, president and chief executive officer of KHIC, to the board of the Tennessee Valley Corridor.¹⁰⁸

Mr. Rickett and Mr. Moncrief preside over an empire which, in 2009, reported net assets worth at least \$45 million.¹⁰⁹ KHIC was founded as a community development corporation in 1968 with \$15 million in grants from the federal government and now owns or directs at least 13 other entities, including for-profit venture capital funds and a real estate company.¹¹⁰

⁹⁸ <http://www.thenihs.org/about/board>; http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php.

⁹⁹ <http://www.thenihs.org/about/staff>; <http://www.khic.org/news/show/7>;
<http://wcoutlook.com/obituaries/x2023218467/FRIEDA-LORENE-HILL-RICKETT>.

¹⁰⁰ <http://rpk.org/executive-committee/>.

¹⁰¹ <http://rpk.org/executive-committee/>.

¹⁰² <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁰³ <http://www.khic.org/>; <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>.

¹⁰⁴ Citizens Against Government Waste, *Congressional Pig Book*, 1998; Citizens Against Government Waste, *Congressional Pig Book*, 2000.

¹⁰⁵ http://www.khic.org/library/KHIC%202005_1151507286_1190226093.pdf; Press Release, Representative Hal Rogers, Rogers Announces Economic Development Funds for Laurel County Job Creation Project, February 3, 2009; USA Spending, *Recipient Lookup, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp.*, 2000-2010.

¹⁰⁶ <http://www.khic.org/news/show/58>; <http://www.khic.org/news/show/26>.

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>; CQ MoneyLine, *Donor Lookup, Ray Moncrief*, 2007- Present.

¹⁰⁸ <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>; Press Release, Kentucky Community & Technical College System, Highlands Investment Chief to be Speaker at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Commencement, April 26, 2007.

¹⁰⁹ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 22, February 16, 2010.

¹¹⁰ J. Gregory Dees, *Enterprising Nonprofits*, *Harvard Business Review*, January/February 1998;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(ujdg033hv2k5weuwlfg3t55\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0566590&ct=06&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(ujdg033hv2k5weuwlfg3t55))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0566590&ct=06&cs=99999); <http://www.southappfund.com/team.html>; <http://www.meritusventures.com/team/>; Kentucky Highlands

Several of these organizations are designed to oversee specific venture capital funds. For instance, Eclipse Management is a for-profit company that Mr. Moncrief, among others, set up to be the general partner of venture capital fund Meritus Ventures.¹¹¹ Mr. Moncrief is also the president of the Southern Appalachian Fund, another multimillion dollar venture capital fund based at KHIC's address.¹¹² Mr. Egnew, chief executive officer of OVC, sits on the board of the Southern Appalachian Fund.¹¹³ One of the other nonprofit entities KHIC oversees is the Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corporation, which, in fiscal year 2008, paid an additional \$7,011 and \$3,663 to Mr. Rickett and Mr. Moncrief, respectively, for their work as president and vice president, and an additional \$82,332 to KHIC's vice president of housing, Elmer Parlier, for serving as vice president for investments.¹¹⁴

KHIC has also set up and retains majority ownership of several small for-profit businesses. These companies include Patriot Industries, a small manufacturing company set up in 1998 that was worth at least \$3 million in 2008, and American Health Management, a health care company set up in 1997 that was worth at least \$1.7 million in 2008.¹¹⁵ Other investments, including some made with public money, haven't worked out as well. For instance, in 1994, KHIC started a biscuit manufacturer named Sunshine Valley Farms.¹¹⁶ The state of Kentucky awarded Sunshine a \$725,000 grant after the company agreed to create 106 new jobs in two years.¹¹⁷ In 2000, the state sued Sunshine for renegeing on its agreement.¹¹⁸ When Sunshine made the agreement, Mr. Moncrief was the company's president.¹¹⁹ Brenda McDaniel, KHIC's chief financial officer, was the only other board member at the company.¹²⁰ Sunshine closed in 2003.¹²¹

Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Schedule R, Response to Part II, February 16, 2010; Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Schedule R, Response to Part IV, February 16, 2010;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(5ryvx4ftr20ytf45hyp1c255\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0007081&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(5ryvx4ftr20ytf45hyp1c255))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0007081&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹¹¹ <http://www.khic.org/news/show/21>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/04/0594904-06-99999-20040915-AOG-20137.pdf>.

¹¹² <http://www.southappfund.com/team.html>; <http://www.southappfund.com/overview.html>;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(11vuemqdrfptxmmclj5pkzy1\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0007081&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(11vuemqdrfptxmmclj5pkzy1))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0007081&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹¹³ <http://www.southappfund.com/team.html>; http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php.

¹¹⁴ Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corporation 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Part IV, February 16, 2010;
<http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>.

¹¹⁵ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Schedule R, Part IV February 16, 2010;
[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(ov213p45fzn3e3igfnvm4e45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0450526&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(ov213p45fzn3e3igfnvm4e45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0450526&ct=09&cs=99998);

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(pimzednzsggpsgrfletxplvr\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0432390&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(pimzednzsggpsgrfletxplvr))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0432390&ct=09&cs=99999)).

¹¹⁶ *State Sues Harlan County Biscuit Maker*, *Associated Press*, March 3, 2000;

<https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/24/0314624-09-99999-19930430-ART-2390391-PU.pdf>.

¹¹⁷ *Despite Millions in Taxes, Harlan County Job Plan Lags*, *Associated Press*, April 11, 1999.

¹¹⁸ *Associated Press*, March 3, 2000.

¹¹⁹ <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/24/0314624-09-99999-19940701-ARP-2263295-PU.pdf>.

¹²⁰ <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/24/0314624-09-99999-19940701-ARP-2263295-PU.pdf>.

¹²¹ *Id.*; <http://www.khic.org/biographies.html?catID=1>; *Incentives Can't make Jobs Stay*, *Lexington Herald Leader*, November 13, 2005.

In 1999, KHIC lent electronics company Mid-South Electronics \$5 million.¹²² Before 2004, neither the company nor its employees had ever donated to Rep. Rogers.¹²³ Between September 30, 2004, and March 18, 2005, however, Mid-South employees donated \$11,000 to Rep. Rogers' campaign and PAC.¹²⁴ In April 2005, Rep. Rogers helped the struggling company land a \$15 million federal contract.¹²⁵ Nonetheless, the company moved most of the jobs from its Kentucky facility to Mexico in 2006.¹²⁶

KHIC also loaned \$5 million to manufacturing company Tri-County Manufacturing and Assembly.¹²⁷ When Tri-County was unable to repay the money, KHIC sued one of the company's banks, the Bank of Corbin.¹²⁸ KHIC lost in court.¹²⁹

Earmarks (2000-2010): \$500,000.¹³⁰

Federal Grants and Loans (2000-2010): \$16.9 million.¹³¹

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$14,000.¹³²

Connections

- Jerry Rickett is the president and chief executive officer of KHIC, and makes \$326,245 a year.¹³³
 - Mr. Rickett was the founding chair of NIHS.¹³⁴
 - Mr. Rickett has been both vice president and treasurer of TOUR SEKY.¹³⁵
 - Mr. Rickett currently sits on the board of CRD.¹³⁶
 - Mr. Rickett incorporated Center Realty, a real estate holding company wholly owned by CRD and worth more than \$400,000.¹³⁷
- L. Ray Moncrief is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of KHIC, and makes \$322,579 a year.¹³⁸

¹²² Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2004 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 12, February 8, 2006.

¹²³ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Mid-South Electronics, 1979-Present; CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Mid-South Industries, 1979-Present.

¹²⁴ Id.

¹²⁵ John Stamper and Bill Estep, First Fire. Now Global Pressure: Annville's Mid-South Electronics to Send Most of 540 Jobs to Mexico, *Lexington Herald Leader*, February 18, 2006.

¹²⁶ Id.; Carol Mills, WIA Graduation Highlights Work Force Retraining, *The Sentinel Echo*, October 3, 2008.

¹²⁷ John T. McGarvey and Melinda Sunderland, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation v. Bank of Corbin, Inc., *Kentucky Banker Magazine*, December 2006; Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation v. Bank of Corbin, Inc., 217 S.W.3d 851, 852 (Ky. Ct. App. 2006).

¹²⁸ Id.

¹²⁹ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation v. Bank of Corbin, Inc., 217 S.W.3d 851, 852 (Ky. Ct. App. 2006).

¹³⁰ Citizens Against Government Waste, Congressional Pig Book, 2000.

¹³¹ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Kentucky Highlands Investment, 2000-2010.

¹³² CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Kentucky Highlands Investment, 2001-Present.

¹³³ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 16, 2010; <http://www.khic.org/biographies/5>.

¹³⁴ <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpsearch/39/0585139-09-99999-20050628-ARP-367482-PU.pdf>.

¹³⁵ <http://www.khic.org/biographies/5>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpsearch/43/0235243-09-99998-20030808-ARP-856019-PU.pdf>.

¹³⁶ <http://www.centertech.com/about/execboard.php>.

¹³⁷ The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2007 IRS Form 990, Response to Part IX, June 22, 2010; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(4kx1co55hbbleq55pz2xcmjn\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0668422&ct=06&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(4kx1co55hbbleq55pz2xcmjn))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0668422&ct=06&cs=99999).

- Mr. Moncrief was a founding board member of SKED.¹³⁹
- Mr. Moncrief is a member of the board at OVC and was the company's chief financial officer from 1978 to 1983.¹⁴⁰
- Michael Hayes is the special projects coordinator at KHIC.¹⁴¹ Mr. Hayes sits on the board of SKED.¹⁴²
- Birdie Watkins is an investment analyst for KHIC.¹⁴³ Ms. Watkins was a member of TOUR SEKY's board.¹⁴⁴
- UNITE holds its monthly meetings at KHIC's headquarters.¹⁴⁵
- In 2003, KHIC loaned TOUR SEKY \$250,000.¹⁴⁶
- KHIC worked with SKED to lend money to several local businesses and organizations.¹⁴⁷
- In 2003, KHIC partnered with CRD to launch the "Kentucky Entrepreneur Acceleration Network," which operated at least until 2009.¹⁴⁸
- KHIC has invested in Senture.¹⁴⁹

Outdoor Venture Corporation (OVC)

OVC is a Stearns, Kentucky-based tent manufacturer.¹⁵⁰ KHIC provided the startup money for OVC in 1972.¹⁵¹ The company has relied heavily on government contracts since then, and has received \$149 million worth of federal contracts since 2000.¹⁵² KHIC has continued to provide support, extending a \$3.15 million line of credit to OVC in 1993 and providing several loans, including a loan for \$100,000 in 2006.¹⁵³ Since 1991, OVC's president, J.C. Egnew, and his wife, Azalie, have contributed nearly \$25,000 to Rep. Rogers' campaigns.¹⁵⁴

¹³⁸ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 16, 2010; <http://www.khic.org/biographies/4>.

¹³⁹ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(m2yccv551qkrmp55232aib45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(m2yccv551qkrmp55232aib45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹⁴⁰ http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php; Mariam Williams, *Others' Success Is the Payoff*, *The Lane Report*, February 2011.

¹⁴¹ <http://www.khic.org/biographies/9>.

¹⁴² [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(m2yccv551qkrmp55232aib45\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(m2yccv551qkrmp55232aib45))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹⁴³ <http://www.khic.org/biographies/11>.

¹⁴⁴ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(xzh0s155302n4z45gn1jioe1\)\)/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(xzh0s155302n4z45gn1jioe1))/default.aspx?id=0235243&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹⁴⁵ <http://operationunite.org/about/overview/>.

¹⁴⁶ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2004 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 37, February 8, 2006.

¹⁴⁷ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2004 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 27, February 8, 2006; *Tenders Info*, Dec. 1, 2008.

¹⁴⁸ *The Lane Report*, Aug. 1, 2003; <http://www.kyea.org/relaunch/index.php>.

¹⁴⁹ Nita Johnson, *Kentucky Highlands Funds Will Help Appalachian Businesses*, *Sentinel Echo*, October 7, 2010.

¹⁵⁰ <http://www.outdoorventure.com/>.

¹⁵¹ Thomas P. Murphy, *The Right Way To Do It?*, *Forbes*, March 20, 1978.

¹⁵² USA Spending, *Recipient Lookup*, Outdoor Venture Corp., 2000-2010; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁵³ Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. 2007 IRS Form 990, Statement C, Page 41 and Page 47, February 13, 2009.

¹⁵⁴ CQ MoneyLine, *Donor Lookup*, J.C. Egnew, 1991-Present; CQ MoneyLine, *Donor Lookup*, Azalie Egnew, 1991-Present; John Cheves, *Kentucky Congressman Hal Rogers Delivers for his District*, *Lexington Herald Leader*, February 6, 2005.

Earmarks (2000-2010): \$21.4 million.¹⁵⁵

Federal Contracts (2000-2010): \$149 million.¹⁵⁶

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$10,100.¹⁵⁷

Lobbying (2000-2010): \$1.4 million.¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁵ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁵⁶ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Outdoor Venture Corp., 2000-2010.

¹⁵⁷ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Outdoor Venture Corp., 2001-Present.

¹⁵⁸ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2004 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2004 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2003 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2003 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2002 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2002 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2001 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

Connections

- J.C. Egnew, OVC's president, is the chair of the board of NIHS.¹⁵⁹
 - Mr. Egnew was a county representative to the CRD board.¹⁶⁰
 - Mr. Egnew sits on the board of the Southern Appalachian Fund, which operates under the auspices of KHIC.¹⁶¹
- Mr. Moncrief of KHIC sits on the OVC board and used to work for the company.¹⁶²
- OVC has paid the lobbying firm Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates (MFT) more than \$1.4 million to lobby.¹⁶³

Phoenix Products, Inc.

Phoenix Products is a McKee, Kentucky-based military aircraft interior manufacturing company founded in 1973.¹⁶⁴ Like OVC, Phoenix was started with seed money from KHIC.¹⁶⁵

Earmarks (2000-2010): \$10.1 million.¹⁶⁶

Federal Contracts (2000-2010): \$12.9 million.¹⁶⁷

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$6,000.¹⁶⁸

Lobbying (2000-2010): \$513,000.¹⁶⁹

¹⁵⁹ http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php; <http://www.thenihs.org/about/board>; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(eqso4245kdzvrnmj0nddosfd\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(eqso4245kdzvrnmj0nddosfd))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0585139&ct=09&cs=99999).

¹⁶⁰ <http://www.centertech.com/about/fullboard.php>.

¹⁶¹ <http://www.southappfund.com/team.html>; http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php.

¹⁶² http://www.outdoorventure.com/about_leadership_team.php; Williams, *The Lane Report*, Feb. 2011.

¹⁶³ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁶⁴ <http://www.acstuff.com/operationslocations.htm>; <http://www.phoenixproducts.com/Products.htm>; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(fmg4wkn5f5xjn4552cl3mv3j\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0341598&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(fmg4wkn5f5xjn4552cl3mv3j))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0341598&ct=09&cs=99998).

¹⁶⁵ Neal R. Peirce and Jerry Hagstrom, Aiding Entrepreneurs – A New Approach To the Old War on Poverty, *National Journal*, August 25, 1979.

¹⁶⁶ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁶⁷ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Phoenix Products, 2000-2010.

¹⁶⁸ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Phoenix Products, 2001-Present.

¹⁶⁹ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on

Connections

- Phoenix uses Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates to lobby the federal government, and paid the firm \$80,000 in 2010 alone to lobby on Department of Defense Appropriations.¹⁷⁰
- Phoenix used lobbying firm McCarthy Strategic Solutions in 2006 and 2007, while Mr. Speaks worked there.¹⁷¹

Senture, LLC

Senture is a London, Kentucky-based telecommunications company founded in 2003 by businessman Bill Deaton and his son.¹⁷² Mr. Deaton had previously founded another company, Image Entry.¹⁷³ After Mr. Deaton sold Image Entry in 2001, a court found he had overstated Image Entry's earnings to earn a \$25 million bonus from the buyer.¹⁷⁴ Mr. Deaton pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and the court ordered him to pay a \$1 million fine.¹⁷⁵ Mr. Deaton also repaid \$25 million to the buyer, an additional \$5 million to cover the purchasing

behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, First Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Mid-Year 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Year End 2004 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Year End 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Mid-Year 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Year End 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Mid-Year 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁷⁰ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁷¹ McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Year End 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Mid-Year 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Year End 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Mid-Year 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁷² <http://www.senture.com/>; <http://www.senture.com/pub/senturepressrelease.pdf>.

¹⁷³ Bill Estep, Big Employer to Plead Guilty to Fraud Scheme, *Lexington Herald Leader*, March 6, 2010.

¹⁷⁴ Id.; Bill Estep, Kentucky Data-processing Company Founder Bill Deaton is Fined \$1 Million, *Lexington Herald Leader*, November 16, 2010

¹⁷⁵ Id.

company's investigation, and \$240,000 to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.¹⁷⁶ Rep. Rogers had helped Image Entry obtain federal contracts before the company was sold and has continued to help Senture, where Mr. Deaton's son, Chris Deaton, is the president and chief executive officer.¹⁷⁷

In 2004, Rep. Rogers arranged for Senture to receive a \$4 million contract from the Department of Homeland Security.¹⁷⁸ Around the same time, Senture hired Rep. Rogers' son, John. Shortly afterwards, Senture received a separate contract from a Virginia-based company to support testing for an identification card system, part of a program known as the Transportation Worker Identification Credentialing (TWIC) program.¹⁷⁹ Rep. Rogers had lobbied to have the card made in Kentucky.¹⁸⁰ Rep. Rogers had also included the TWIC program in appropriations bills.¹⁸¹ John Rogers claims his hiring had nothing to do with his father.¹⁸²

In 2006, Senture hired a Department of Transportation official who had supervised the TWIC program.¹⁸³ The hiring skirted conflict of interest rules because Senture's contract was too small for those rules to apply.

In 2007 and 2008, Senture announced receiving additional contracts supporting the implementation and testing of the TWIC program.¹⁸⁴ In 2010, Senture announced upcoming federal contracts with the Veterans Administration, the Department of Education and the Transportation Administration.¹⁸⁵ Despite Senture's work on federal contracts, USA Spending, which dates back to 2000, has no record of Senture receiving any federal funds for contracts or grants.¹⁸⁶ Citizens Against Government Waste's *Congressional Pig Book*, the Center for Responsive Politics, and Taxpayers for Common Sense, similarly, list no earmarks for Senture since 2000.¹⁸⁷

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$4,200.¹⁸⁸

¹⁷⁶ Estep, *Lexington Herald Leader*, Nov. 16, 2010.

¹⁷⁷ Bill Estep, Court Documents: London Businessman Was Part of Conspiracy, *Lexington Herald Leader*, May 20, 2009; Estep, *Lexington Herald Leader*, Mar. 6, 2010; Samuel Loewenberg, Truckers Anti-Terror Program 'Wasteful', *Politico*, January 23, 2008; Eric Lipton, In Kentucky Hills, a Homeland Security Bonanza, *New York Times*, May 14, 2005; <http://migration.kentucky.gov/Newsroom/governor/20100908senture.htm>.

¹⁷⁸ Lipton, *New York Times*, May 14, 2005.

¹⁷⁹ Id.

¹⁸⁰ Id.

¹⁸¹ Id.

¹⁸² Id.

¹⁸³ Eric Lipton, Former Antiterror Officials Find Industry Pays Better, *New York Times*, June 18, 2006.

¹⁸⁴ Press Release, Senture, LLC, Senture Awarded Subcontract to Support TWIC Implementation, *Business Wire*, November 26, 2007; Press Release, Senture, LLC, Senture Awarded Subcontract to Support Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Card Reader Field Test, *Business Wire*, April 29, 2008.

¹⁸⁵ Melodie Phelps, Senture Announces 222 Jobs, *The Wayne County Outlook (Monticello, Kentucky)*, September 14, 2010.

¹⁸⁶ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Senture, 2000-2010.

¹⁸⁷ Citizens Against Government Waste, Congressional Pig Book, 2000-2010; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY09&cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?fy=FY08&cid=N00003473&cycle=2008>.

¹⁸⁸ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Senture, 2001-Present.

Lobbying (2000-2010): \$585,550.¹⁸⁹

Connections

- Senture pays Mr. Speaks to lobby.¹⁹⁰
 - Mr. Speaks has donated \$18,200 to Rep. Rogers since 2005.¹⁹¹
- TOUR SEKY has reported paying Senture to operate its tourism information hotline for at least seven years, including a payment of more than \$1 million in 2008, the most recent year for which information is available.¹⁹²
- KHIC invested in Senture.¹⁹³
- Senture employed Rep. Rogers' son, John, until at least 2006.¹⁹⁴ His current status with the company is unknown.

¹⁸⁹ JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Third Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Second Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, First Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Third Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Second Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, First Quarter 2009 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Third Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Second Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, First Quarter 2008 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Year End 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Year-End Termination 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC, Mid-Year 2007 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Speaks, Jeffrey, Year-End Termination 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Speaks, Jeffrey, Mid-Year 2006 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Speaks, Jeffrey, Year-End 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Speaks, Jeffrey, Mid-Year 2005 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁹⁰ JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

¹⁹¹ CQ MoneyLine, Donor Lookup, Jeffrey Speaks, 2005-Present.

¹⁹² <http://www.senture.com/pub/senturepressrelease.pdf>; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, October 30, 2009; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2007 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, October 8, 2008; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2006 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, July 6, 2007; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2005 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, August 18, 2006; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2004 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, November 23, 2005; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2003 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, August 23, 2004; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2002 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section B, November 26, 2003.

¹⁹³ Johnson, *Sentinel Echo*, Oct. 7, 2010.

Boneal, Inc.

Rep. Rogers earmarked \$5 million for Boneal, a Means, Kentucky-based manufacturing company, in 2010.¹⁹⁵ The company has received \$29 million in federal contracts since 2000.¹⁹⁶

Earmarks (2000-2010): \$5 million.¹⁹⁷

Federal Contracts (2000-2010): \$29 million.¹⁹⁸

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$1,500.¹⁹⁹

Connections

- David Ledford is Boneal's president.²⁰⁰ He is also a general member of SKED, representing the business community.²⁰¹

Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates (MFT)

MFT is a Washington-based lobbying firm that represents several clients with ties to Rep. Rogers.²⁰² The principals of the lobbying firm directed more than 50% of their federal campaign donations to Rep. Rogers during the 2010 campaign cycle.²⁰³

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$16,500.²⁰⁴

Connections

- MFT lobbies for three of the companies included in this report: Phoenix Products, OVC, and Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.²⁰⁵

¹⁹⁴ Lipton, *New York Times*, May 14, 2005.

¹⁹⁵ http://www.boneal.com/company_info.html; <http://www.boneal.com/>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>.

¹⁹⁶ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Boneal, 2000-2010.

¹⁹⁷ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>.

¹⁹⁸ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Boneal, 2000-2010.

¹⁹⁹ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Boneal, 2001-Present.

²⁰⁰ http://www.boneal.com/letter_president.html.

²⁰¹ <http://www.southeastkentucky.com/PDFs/SKED%20Progress%20Report%202010.pdf>.

²⁰² Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lee's Ford Dock, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

²⁰³ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, 2009-Present.

²⁰⁴ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, 2001-Present.

²⁰⁵ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Phoenix Products Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Outdoor Venture Corporation, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lee's Ford Dock, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

Citizens National Bank

Rep. Rogers is a partial owner and director emeritus of Somerset, Kentucky-based Citizens National Bank.²⁰⁶ Rep. Rogers owns between \$1 million and \$5 million worth of shares in the bank, according to his most recent personal financial disclosure forms, and recent Federal Reserve reports show he is trying to increase his ownership share.²⁰⁷

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$3,750.²⁰⁸

Connections

- Mr. Davis, a former Citizens National Bank president, is the current president of the bank's parent company.²⁰⁹
 - Mr. Davis is the current chairman of CRD.²¹⁰
 - Mr. Davis is the treasurer of Rep. Rogers PAC, HALPAC.²¹¹
- Mr. Harris, a director at the bank, has been a director at CRD.²¹²
 - Mr. Harris was the treasurer for Rep. Rogers' campaign committee in 2002 and 2003.²¹³
- Mr. Waddle, a former bank executive, is currently a board member at the bank and chairman of the bank's parent company.²¹⁴
 - Mr. Waddle was the incorporator of SKED.²¹⁵
- William J. Wilson, the president of accounting firm Wilson & Company, is on the board of Citizens National Bank.²¹⁶
- Rep. Rogers' campaign committee and leadership PAC keep their money at the bank, according to their most recent campaign finance reports.²¹⁷
- At least three of the nonprofits have acknowledged keeping much of their money at the bank.²¹⁸

²⁰⁶ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; Rep. Hal Rogers, Personal Financial Disclosure for Calendar Year 2009, filed May 14, 2010.

²⁰⁷ Rep. Hal Rogers, Personal Financial Disclosure for Calendar Year 2009, filed May 14, 2010; <http://federalreserve.gov/releases/h2/20100306/cleveland.htm>.

²⁰⁸ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Citizens National Bank, 2001-Present; CQ MoneyLine, Donor Lookup, Clay Davis, 2001-Present.

²⁰⁹ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>.

²¹⁰ <http://www.centertech.com/about/execboard.php>.

²¹¹ Help America's Leaders Political Action Committee (HALPAC), FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, March 27, 2009.

²¹² <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; The Center for Rural Development 2006 IRS Form 990, Part V-A, May 15, 2008.

²¹³ Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 3, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, January 30, 2004; Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, April 12, 2002.

²¹⁴ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>.

²¹⁵ [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(noxxwmcrlqoowuh45yue5mpqy\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(noxxwmcrlqoowuh45yue5mpqy))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0213127&ct=09&cs=99998).

²¹⁶ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/16/0234816-09-99999-20100624-ARP-4437108-PU.pdf>.

²¹⁷ Hal Rogers for Congress, FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, February 11, 2005; Help America's Leaders Political Action Committee (HALPAC), FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, March 27, 2009.

²¹⁸ Higham and O'Harrow Jr., *Washington Post*, Dec. 25, 2005.

Wilson & Company

Wilson & Company is a Somerset, Kentucky-based accounting firm that both prepared tax returns and provided audits for four of the seven nonprofits for 2008.²¹⁹ Wilson also prepared the 2008 tax return for FIF.²²⁰

Connections

- The firm both prepared tax returns and conducted audits of CRD, UNITE, PRIDE, and TOUR SEKY in fiscal year 2008, the most recent year for which data is available.²²¹
 - Wilson also prepared the 990 for FIF in fiscal year 2008.²²²
- The firm's president, William J. Wilson, is on the board of Citizens National Bank.²²³

Preston-Osborne

Preston-Osborne is a Lexington, Kentucky-based marketing and research firm.²²⁴ PRIDE contracted with Preston-Osborne in 1997 to launch a public education campaign.²²⁵

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$8,000.²²⁶

Connections

- Phil Osborne, the company's chief executive officer, is a director at PRIDE.²²⁷
- In 1997, PRIDE hired Preston-Osborne to provide a public education campaign.²²⁸

²¹⁹ <http://www.wilsoncpas.com/>; The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, February 22, 2010; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations Treatment, and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, May 7, 2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, May 3, 2010; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, October 30, 2009; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=1971662009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=2131822009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=2182372009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=926032009>.

²²⁰ Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part VI, February 16, 2010.

²²¹ <http://www.wilsoncpas.com/>; The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, February 22, 2010; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, May 7, 2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, May 3, 2010; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part II, October 30, 2009; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=1971662009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=2131822009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=2182372009>; <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/finalPrintPages2008.asp?ID=926032009>.

²²² Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part VI, February 16, 2010.

²²³ <http://www.cnbsomerset.com/board-of-directors/>; <https://app.sos.ky.gov/corpscans/16/0234816-09-99999-20100624-ARP-4437108-PU.pdf>.

²²⁴ <http://www.preston-osborne.com/index.shtml>.

²²⁵ http://www.kypride.org/newsstory6e8c.html?subaction=showfull&id=1247591317&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&; Batchelder, *Lexington Herald Leader*, June 9, 2000.

²²⁶ CQ MoneyLine, *Employer Search*, Preston-Osborne, 2001-Present.

²²⁷ <http://www.kypride.org/about/execom.html>; http://www.kypride.org/newsstory6e8c.html?subaction=showfull&id=1247591317&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&.

²²⁸ http://www.kypride.org/newsstory6e8c.html?subaction=showfull&id=1247591317&archive=&start_from=&ucat=1&.

- Mr. Speaks, a former staffer for Rep. Rogers who is currently a lobbyist, worked for Preston-Osborne before becoming PRIDE's executive director.²²⁹
- Hal Rogers for Congress has paid Preston-Osborne more than \$250,000 since 2005 for media buys and polls.²³⁰

Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.

Lee's Ford Dock is a marina and resort in Nancy, Kentucky.²³¹ Rep. Rogers has repeatedly helped the marina obtain federal funds. The marina's owner and president is J.D. Hamilton, a Rogers campaign donor.²³²

On July 13, 2010, Rep. Rogers wrote to the Small Business Administration (SBA) in an effort to help Lee's Ford Dock win an increase in its SBA disaster loan after the agency had twice denied the increase.²³³ The SBA reversed course and granted the increase after an agency official attended a meeting with Mr. Hamilton in the congressman's office.²³⁴ The congressman also earmarked \$500,000 in the fiscal year 2005 budget for an expansion of Lee's Ford Dock's parking lot.²³⁵

Earmarks (2000-2010): \$500,000.²³⁶

Loans (2000-2010): \$516,384.²³⁷

Political Contributions (2001-Present): \$3,000.²³⁸

Lobbying (2000-2010): \$70,000.²³⁹

²²⁹ O'Dwyer, *Jack O'Dwyer's Newsletter*, Nov. 26, 1997; Hefling, *Chicago Tribune*, April 30, 2000; JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Senture LLC, Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

²³⁰ <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/pend.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2006&page=2>;
<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/pend.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010&page=2>.

²³¹ <http://www.leesfordmarina.com/>; [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(fjqszces4yu3zc55o3moax55\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(fjqszces4yu3zc55o3moax55))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998).

²³² [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(fjqszces4yu3zc55o3moax55\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(fjqszces4yu3zc55o3moax55))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998); [https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(mox0df45qenz5t55av342f55\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0542958&ct=06&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(mox0df45qenz5t55av342f55))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0542958&ct=06&cs=99999); John Cheves, Hal Rogers Helps Backer to Pay For a Parking Lot, *Lexington Herald Leader*, January 19, 2005; CQ MoneyLine, Donor Lookup, James Hamilton, 2001-Present.

²³³ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/51750174/CREW-SBA-Regarding-Rogers-Related-Non-Profits-3-15-11-SBA-Hal-Rogers-Disbursement>.

²³⁴ Id.

²³⁵ Cheves, *Lexington Herald Leader*, Jan. 19, 2005.

²³⁶ Citizens Against Government Waste, Congressional Pig Book, 2005.

²³⁷ USA Spending, Recipient Lookup, Lees Ford Dock, 2000-2010.

²³⁸ CQ MoneyLine, Employer Search, Lee's Ford Dock, 2001-Present; CQ MoneyLine, Donor Lookup, James Hamilton, 2001-Present.

²³⁹ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Second Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lee's Ford Dock, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Third Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lee's Ford Dock, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

Connections

- J.D. Hamilton, the owner and president of Lee's Ford Dock, is the president of the Lake Cumberland Association.²⁴⁰
 - Mr. Speaks lobbies for the Lake Cumberland Association.²⁴¹ The group paid him \$30,000 in fees in 2010.²⁴²
- Lee's Ford Dock uses lobbying firm Martin, Fisher, Thompson and Associates.²⁴³

²⁴⁰ Cheves, *Lexington Herald Leader*, January 19, 2005;

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(fjqszc54yu3zc55o3moax55\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(fjqszc54yu3zc55o3moax55))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0030515&ct=09&cs=99998);

[https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/\(S\(0pnq3j2ovsgy1vzdm2nr5155\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0702306&ct=09&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/(S(0pnq3j2ovsgy1vzdm2nr5155))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0702306&ct=09&cs=99999).

²⁴¹ JBS Communications, LLC, Lobbying Registration May 12, 2010 on behalf of Lake Cumberland Association, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

²⁴² JBS Communications, LLC, Second Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lake Cumberland Association, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Third Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lake Cumberland Association, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records; JBS Communications, LLC, Fourth Quarter 2010 Lobbying Disclosure Report on behalf of Lake Cumberland Association, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

²⁴³ Martin, Fisher, Thompson & Associates, Lobbying Registration June 7, 2010 on behalf of Lee's Ford Dock, Inc., Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records.

Methodology

CREW reviewed and analyzed hundreds of public documents to create this profile. Sources included press releases, media reports, tax filings, the Congressional Record, Federal Election Commission filings, and filings made with the Kentucky Secretary of State. CREW relied heavily on earmark, grant and contract data from USASpending.gov, an official U.S. government site that tracks federal spending, and supplemented that data with information from the Center for Responsive Politics and Taxpayers for Common Sense when necessary. CREW used campaign finance data compiled by CQ MoneyLine, and public records maintained by the Senate Office of Public Records in its online Lobbying Disclosure Act Database for lobbying information

Unless otherwise noted, all tallies of earmarks, grants, contracts, loans, and lobbying fees are from 2000 through 2010, and all tallies for political contributions date from the 2002 campaign cycle to the present. CREW included donations made to Rep. Rogers' campaign committee, Hal Rogers for Congress, and his leadership political action committee (PAC), Help America's Leaders PAC (HALPAC).

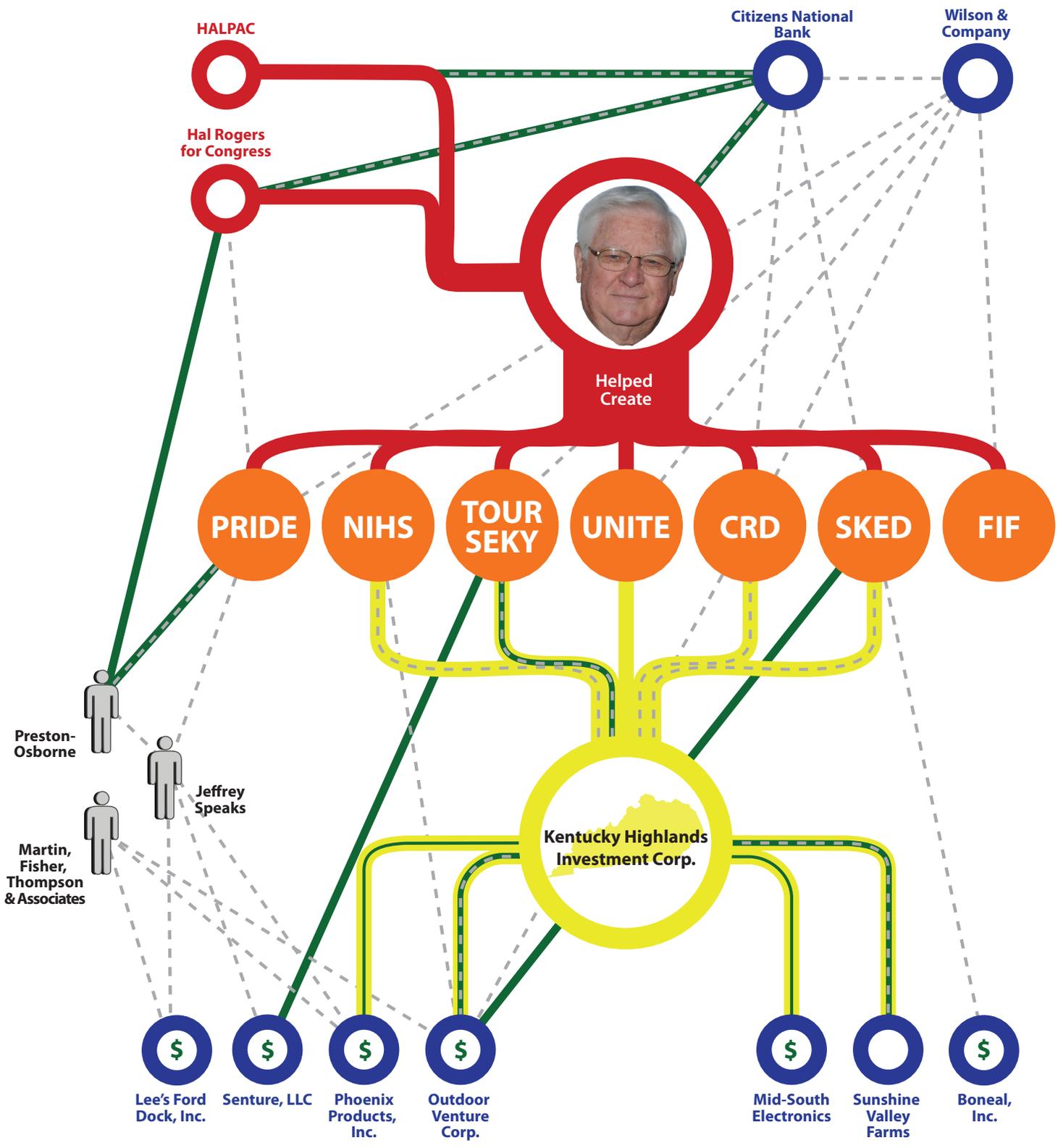
To determine whether federal money directed to nonprofits was a grant or an earmark, we relied on information from USASpending.gov. When information from USASpending.gov was clearly incomplete, we used data from the Center for Responsive Politics. In the case of the nonprofits, we categorized money described in USASpending.gov as "Congress" or "Earmark" as a congressional earmark. When nonprofits received funds described as "direct payments," CREW included the payments in the "grants" category. In one obvious omission, USASpending.gov failed to list any money for NIHS, even though earmarks to NIHS have been documented by media reports, Rep. Rogers' own statements and press releases, and other earmark databases, including the one maintained by the Center for Responsive Politics at www.opensecrets.org.²⁴⁴ As a result, CREW relied on www.opensecrets.org for NIHS data.

In the case of the for-profit companies, CREW used total spending data from USASpending.gov, then used data from the Center for Responsive Politics to determine the amount of the total spending that should be classified as earmarks. The earmark data from the Center for Responsive Politics only covered the years from 2008 to 2010 and the Congressional Pig Book didn't list any earmarks for these companies before 2008, so CREW was unable to determine the amount earmarked to the companies before 2008.

²⁴⁴ <http://halrogers.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=165901>; <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/earmarks.php?cid=N00003473&cycle=2010>; Matt Kelley, Lawmakers Fund Charities With Earmarks, *USA Today*, June 27, 2010.



Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood



Acronyms

PRIDE: Eastern Kentucky Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment, Inc.
 TOUR SEKY: Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc.
 UNITE: Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc.
 SKED: Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc.

CRD: The Center for Rural Development, Inc.
 FIF: Forward in the Fifth, Inc.
 NIHS: The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc.

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PEOPLE	STAFF	NONPROFITS								KHIC	BANK	FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES								POLITICAL
		CRD	NIHS	UNITE	PRIDE	TOUR SEKY	SKED	FIF	Citizens National Bank			Boneal, Inc.	Image Entry	Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.	OVC	Phoenix Products, Inc.	Preston-Osborne	Senture, LLC	Southern Appalachian Fund	
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Clay Parker Davis		×									×									×
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Jean Dorton		×			×															
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Robert Harris		×									×									×
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Karen Kelly	×			×	×															
David Ledford													×							
Hilda Gay Legg		×																		
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Bob Mitchell	×	×	×	×	×	×	×													
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John Rogers																				×
Sandy Simpson		×																		
Jeffrey Speaks	×				×								×		×		×		×	
Jim Tackett		×																		
Cy Waddle																				
Birdie Watkins						×					×									
William Wilson		×		×	×	×		×			×									×

The people listed on the left either worked for or sat on the board of the associated organization. ✖

Rep. Rogers earmarked funds for several of these organizations. 💰

Rep. Rogers helped several organizations acquire federal grants, loans or contracts. 📄

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Chart represents all funds awarded from 2000 - Present.

Organization	Federal Funding			Pay to Play	
	Earmarks	Grants, Loans & Contracts	Total	Campaign Contributions to Rep. Rogers	Lobbying Expenditures
Nonprofits					
CRD	\$11,000,000	\$28,000,000	\$39,000,000	-	-
UNITE	\$34,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$49,000,000	-	-
FIF	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
NIHS	\$32,000,000	\$0	\$32,000,000	-	-
PRIDE	\$96,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$97,000,000	-	-
TOUR SEKY	\$700,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,700,000	-	-
SKED	\$0	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	-	-
Total:	\$173,700,000	\$63,000,000	\$236,700,000	-	-
For Profit Companies					
Outdoor Venture Corp.	\$21,400,000	\$149,000,000	\$170,400,000	\$10,100	\$1,400,000
Phoenix Products, Inc.	\$10,100,000	\$12,900,000	\$23,000,000	\$6,000	\$513,000
Senture, LLC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$585,550
Boneal, Inc.	\$5,000,000	\$29,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$1,500	-
Lee's Ford Dock, Inc.	\$500,000	\$516,384	\$1,016,384	\$3,000	\$70,000
Total:	\$36,500,000	\$190,900,000	\$227,400,000	\$24,800	\$2,568,550
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation					
KHIC	\$500,000	\$16,900,000	\$17,400,000	\$14,000	-