

Clean Money Clean Elections/Monroe

Media Advisory

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What : Rochester premiere of **The Big Buy: Tom DeLay's Stolen Congress**. Admission- \$5 contribution to Spitzer 2006. Seating is limited; call 325-2560 for reservations. Free popcorn and beverages provided

When: Tuesday, June 27, 6pm

Where: Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince Street, Rochester

Why: The poster boy for Congressional corruption, Tom DeLay, has finally bid farewell to Congress after being indicted for money laundering. His supporters in Congress cheered him and big donors thanked him but Metro Justice is celebrating by joining people all over the country on Clean Money Day, June 27th, with a showing of **The Big Buy: Tom DeLay's Stolen Congress**, a fascinating documentary about DeLay's money laundering schemes to divert corporate cash to Texas elections.

After flooding Texas in illegal corporate campaign cash, DeLay then set up a war room in the basement of the Texas State Legislature and directed the gerrymandering of new Texas congressional districts, resulting in Texas gaining several more Republican Reps in Congress—just the majority Bush needed to push through his agenda of tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans.

DeLay had earlier resigned his House Majority Leader post under the cloud connections to convicted felon, Jack Abramoff, whose network of corporate funders was closely tied to DeLay's fundraising apparatus.

Clean Money Day is dedicated to creating a publicly financed campaign system, already working in Maine and Arizona, which enables politicians to run without taking any private campaign cash. The overwhelming majority of legislators in Maine and Arizona are no longer beholden to special interests and can spend their time talking to voters rather than dialing for dollars and attending fundraising dinners. In those states more races are now contested and more minorities and women have been elected.