

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE MATT SIMPSON:**  
**Fought to Legalize Lobbyist Gifts to Lawmakers,**  
**Shield Politicians from Prosecution for Corruption.**

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# Matt Simpson Voted to Legalize Gifts to Politicians from Lobbyists and Special Interests.







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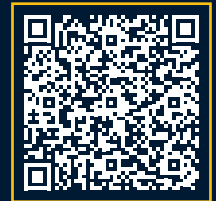
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Where the criminal penalties used to be, House Bill 227 instead establishes a new regime of public reprimands and civil penalties for conduct that simply cannot be excused as accidental or unintentional. This legislation also dramatically expands what public officials can legally receive from lobbyists and other special interests.

Under this bill, a public official's sibling or adult child is also able to receive gifts or other benefits, in any amount, even from a lobbyist or someone with business before the governmental body. To make matters worse, the first two violations of the "gift ban" would now be subject only to civil penalties, regardless of the amount given or received.

## What Matt Simpson Voted For:

-  Up to \$500 every year from each lobbyist, totaling tens of thousands annually.
-  Unlimited gifts to family members of lawmakers.
-  Shield lawmakers from prosecution the first two times they break the law.
-  Reduce criminal violations for corruption to "civil penalties."



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**State Representative Matt Simpson has violated the trust of all Alabamians, and it's time for him to go.**



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