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## **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman Applauds Potentially Illegal Rosie O'Donnell Political Donations**

*Entertainer Used Five Different Addresses While Over-Donating To Five Federal Candidates The New York Post Reports*

**SOMERSET, NJ** - GOP 12th District congressional candidate, and Somerset attorney, Daryl Kipnis is calling on his opponent, U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, D-12, to retract [her public praise](#) for the potentially [illegal campaign contributions made by entertainer Rosie O'Donnell](#), including a \$1,000 donation to Watson Coleman's campaign on Monday.

"Evidently one of the most prominent members of the Hollywood elite is so scared of the prospect of a free thinker representing the people of NJ-12 that she has contributed \$1,000 to the campaign of my opponent, who shares her contempt for anyone and everyone who does not tow the line of the most extreme elements of the Democratic Party without question," Kipnis said. "If they believe 3.9 percent unemployment, lower taxes, the end of job-killing regulations, peace in the Korean Peninsula, rushing defeats to international terrorist organizations, record GDP growth, record stock market highs, and imminent, unprecedented investment in the nation's infrastructure to be against the best interests of the American people, then one can only wonder whose side they are really on. Nobody can reasonably expect wealthy elitists like Rosie O'Donnell, Gov. Phil Murphy, and Bonnie Watson Coleman to express any interest whatsoever in bringing about real solutions to our state's crisis of affordability, which prevents New Jerseyans from sharing in the successes of the rest of the nation."

O'Donnell may currently be under investigation for making campaign contributions above the legal limit through the Democratic web service "ActBlue," according to published reports.

Watson Coleman publicly applauded O'Donnell's financial support for Democratic candidates, although potentially illegal, in a Facebook post Monday, the same day O'Donnell sent her a \$1,000 donation, according to the [entertainer's own website](#).

“Thank you to the smart and talented Rosie O'Donnell for your support!” Watson Coleman’s post on her campaign page said. “With a President and administration that clearly demonstrates that they do not have the American people’s interests at heart, I will continue to proudly stand on the opposite side of the ledger and work in the best interest of New Jerseyans and the nation.”

Watson Coleman’s post linked to a tweet from the entertainer that said: “All my donations - my goal is to support all those opposed to (President Donald) Trump.”

“Once again, we see a troubling double standard from our representative,” Kipnis said. “While making allegation after incendiary allegation about President Trump and Republicans, she gives a wink and a nod to her fellow Democratic insiders like Sen. Bob Menendez and Rosie O’Donnell, even if they may violate the law. The citizens of New Jersey’s 12th District deserve better than this.”

According to a New York Post article on May 5, where the publication looked at her various political donations, the paper determined that the entertainer gave more than the \$5,400 Federal Election Commission (FEC) limit to five federal candidates, while using as many different addresses and four different names.

Individuals are allowed to donate up to \$2,700 each for the primary and general elections.

According to the Post’s article, O’Donnell exceeded those limits, and may now be under investigation, which could lead to fines.

The Post reported that federal campaign filings show O’Donnell contributed some \$90,000 to 50 different candidates in the 2017-18 cycle.

In the article, O’Donnell defended herself by saying the ActBlue website didn’t notify her when she was going over the limit for individual candidates.

“I invite everyone who wishes they were represented in congress by someone who will treat them like family - no matter who you are or what your political leanings may be - to invest in making that a reality by contributing any amount you can afford to [my campaign](#),” Kipnis said.

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