

NOW CAN WE DISMISS THE NOTION THAT TOENSING IS INDEPENDENT?

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As TPM has reported (and a number of you have emailed) Scooter Libby's press flack, Barbara Comstock, is running for office. Honestly, given the Democratic tilt of Virginia of late, I had been inclined to keep just half an eye on Comstock. After all, so long as she looks likely to lose, why give her any attention?

But news like this makes me rethink that. After all, what better way to undercut Comstock's network of purportedly independent resources than to establish that they were on the host committee for Comstock's earliest fund-raisers?

A who's who of conservative women showed up at the home of Mildred Webber to register their support. Among them: the Ashcroft Group's Juleanna Glover, National Review's Kate O'Bierne and former Homeland Security official Fran

Townsend.

Also on the host committee: **Victoria Toensing**, Jeri Thompson, Cathy Gillespie, Maria Cino and Kellyanne Conway.

Now, I know that there has been no doubt since the Clinton wars that Toensing is a Republican hack. But Toensing was able to attempt jury nullification with articles like this during the Libby trial, all under the claim that she was an independent entity.

And here we come to "find out" she's one of Comstock's closest buddies.