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“This evening on CNN I saw President Bush discussing Katrina the day before it hit,” said Dr. Steven Porter, Democratic candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania’s 3<sup>rd</sup> district. “It was apparent that he knew about the storm, knew that the levees would probably give way, knew everything. Yet he lied to the American people when he said later that he was unaware of the very things on the tape. In the same broadcast, Republican Congressman Peter King accused the Bush administration of not telling the truth when it said that a ‘thorough investigation’ had been conducted into the Dubai ports deal.

“Bush lied about WMDs in Iraq, a fact affirmed by the Carnegie Report of January 2004. He’s tried to increase his authority through his cockamamie ‘unitary executive’ theory. He has repeatedly broken the law with regard to national surveillance. He lied about the torture of prisoners, even sending Cheney to Congress to plead for the authority to torture. Scooter Libby has been indicted for obstruction of justice. Tom DeLay has been indicted money laundering. And Senator Frist is under investigation for the very crime for which Martha Stewart was convicted and jailed.

“My opponent, Phil English, has taken Jack Abramoff money giving it back only when public opinion turned against him. He has taken more trips than 580 of the most recent 600 members of Congress, at least one of them to Saipan, just like his good buddy DeLay. In 1995, English swore on the floor of the House to abide by a limit of six terms...no matter what Congress enacted. That proved to be a lie. He is now running for a 7<sup>th</sup> term. In an interview with the Sharon Herald just before the 2000 elections, Mr. English promised to allow cheaper prescription drugs from Canada. That, too, was a lie. English cast the deciding vote for HR 1, which prohibited it. Later, he promised labor he would vote against CAFTA. Another lie. He cast the deciding vote which passed it. Mr. English has said over and over that he supports college aid and housing for the elderly. Again, lies. He cast the deciding vote to cut those programs when he voted for the Republican budget reconciliation bill. He has asserted over and over that he supports local industry, but he has voted consistently for Most Favored Nation status for China and for tax breaks for companies that outsource American jobs.

“Am I criticizing the Bush Administration and Mr. English? You bet I am. Do I have a suggestion to improve things? You bet I do. Vote out the corrupt politicians and replace them with people like me who pledge never to take trips paid by lobbyist groups, never to lie to the people, never to take corporate PAC money.

Integrity is an issue--and it’s time we restored it to our government.