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**PORTER CALLS ON ENGLISH TO ENDORSE INVESTIGATION INTO  
ALLEGED BUSH-CHENEY AUTHORIZATION TO LEAK CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION**

In a press release issued today, Dr. Steven Porter, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district of Pennsylvania, again called on his opponent, incumbent Republican Phil English, to support Michigan Congressman John Conyers' proposal to form a House committee to investigate whether or not charges of impeachment against President Bush are warranted.

“At around noon yesterday,” said Porter, “the Associated Press reported that court papers filed by I. Lewis Libby, one-time chief of staff for Vice President Cheney, indicate that the leak of Iraq intelligence that ultimately led to the outing of CIA agent Valerie Plame was authorized by both Cheney and Bush. If Libby’s testimony is true, then both the President and Vice President may have committed crimes that rise to the level of the high crimes and misdemeanors that merit impeachment and removal from office.

“I do not want to shoot from the hip and condemn either Bush or Cheney without a proper inquiry in which people testify under oath and where both Bush and Cheney have every opportunity to confront their accusers,” Porter went on. “I am not calling for anyone’s impeachment at this point. I simply want the House of Representatives to investigate these monumentally important issues.

“No democracy can allow its elected officials to break the laws with impunity, and if it is claimed that they have engaged in criminal behavior, as is alleged here by one of their own top staff members, it is imperative that the House investigate. Mr. English was eager to support such an investigation and subsequently to call for impeachment when the issue was President Clinton’s lies about sexual behavior. Surely even Mr. English should recognize that Mr. Libby’s allegations are much more serious.

“If Mr. English really stands for the rule of law, let him stand up now to join Congressman Conyers’ call for an investigation in the House.”

Dr. Porter’s positions on all the key issues of this campaign are attached to this press release so that the public may be informed of them.