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PORTER OUTRAGED AT U.S. PORTS DEAL

In a press release dated today, Dr. Steven Porter, Democratic Candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania's 3rd district, expressed his outrage at President Bush's insistence on outsourcing the management of key U.S. ports to a company owned by the United Arab Emirates. "It is almost beyond belief," said Porter "that an American President at a time of international terrorism would be making a deal to turn over the running of major U.S. ports to a foreign nation whose banking interests were actually tied to the 9/11 attackers."

Porter went on to criticize his opponent, incumbent Republican Phil English, for not coming out strongly against Bush. "Mr. English focuses his campaign rhetoric on typographical errors and character assassination instead of outrage at this dangerous maneuver by Bush. I wonder why. Could it be that he is joined at the hip to Bush and the money interests behind the White House and the Conservative Wing of the Republican Party? Where is his desire to truly protect the people of his district and his nation? Aren't the Republicans the ones who are supposed to be strong on national security? Apparently, when push comes to shove, some Republicans would choose to profit from, as Mr. Chertoff put it, "foreign investment and the global economy" rather than safeguard the people. Apparently, Mr. English agrees.

"There is something terribly wrong," Porter continued, "with the privatization of government services by the Republicans. They have already done it in the Iraq war with Halliburton and other companies, and the result has been the disappearance of over \$8 billion taxpayer dollars.

"Privatization does not belong in vital government services because we lose a significant amount of oversight when it happens. National security is the government's business. It is dangerous to put it into private, foreign hands, and if I am elected to Congress I will join with those sane people on both sides of the aisle to prevent it from ever happening again. Shame on Mr. English for not immediately yelling his head off about this."