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Busby: Congress, Other Candidates Ignored Cunningham Access to Security Secrets

Encinitas – Congressional Candidate Francine Busby criticized other congressional candidates and leaders in Congress for their willingness to allow now Former Congressman Duke Cunningham to continue to have unobstructed access to highly classified information while he was the subject of a federal bribery investigation.

“The leaders of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, fell asleep at the wheel and refused to question Cunningham’s continued access to our nation’s most protected national security secrets,” Busby said. “Congress has become a privileged club where members protect each other even at the expense of ethics and national security.”

On October 6, Busby sent a letter to all other congressional candidates asking them to join her call for Cunningham to step down from his committee posts for national security reasons. All of the other candidates refused to say that Cunningham should step down.

“The Republican congressional candidates all put their allegiance to Duke Cunningham above their duty to protect the national security of this country,” Busby said. “Voters in this district want a representative who always puts the safety of our families and troops above their own political ties.”

According to the North County Times, Cunningham was included in top secret briefings by 16 different federal agencies including the CIA, FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. No member of Congress from either party questioned whether Cunningham should continue to receive such briefings.

Links:

“Cunningham regularly heard secrets while taking bribes,” North County Times, December 10, http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2005/12/10/news/top_stories/23_03_2612_9_05.txt

“Busby asks other candidates to join her in calling on Cunningham to step down from committee posts,” October 6, Press Release, http://busbyforcongress.org/downloads/pressroom/20051006_pr_stmt-cunningham.pdf

“At the Races,” Roll Call, October 11, Subscription Only, See Excerpt
“College professor Francine Busby is running on the Democratic side. Last week, Busby urged the Republicans in the race to join her in calling on Cunningham, who is under federal investigation for his close ties to a defense contractor, to give up his committee assignments. Busby said the Congressman’s continued oversight of military and intelligence agencies represents a threat to national security.”

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