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## **Busby Calls Abramoff Plea ‘A Wake Up Call for Reform’**

Encinitas – Congressional Candidate Francine Busby released the following statement in response to the plea agreement by Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff that reportedly includes testifying against members of Congress and their staff in an ongoing federal corruption investigation:

“Virtually every week, Americans hear another chapter in the story of the culture of corruption in Washington, DC. Payoffs, kickbacks, backroom giveaways and sweetheart deals have become the norm in Washington and the people’s work has taken a back seat to special interest favors.

I released my Change Legislative Ethics and Attitudes Now (CLEAN) House Act in December because I believe that Washington needs to undergo dramatic and immediate reform. Twice I have challenged the other candidates in the race to sign onto the CLEAN House Act and twice they have refused to take a position.

For most Americans, the involvement of multiple members of Congress in a corruption investigation should be a wake up call for reform. That is why today I am again calling on all the other candidates to endorse the CLEAN House Act. Candidates in this race have an obligation to tell voters whether they want to change the way Washington works or whether they are satisfied with more of the same Duke Cunningham style of pay-to-play politics.”

Busby’s CLEAN House Act is tougher and more ambitious than any proposal introduced by any member of Congress from either party. It would dramatically limit the influence of government contractors and lobbyists on decision making and would restore honesty and transparency to the budget process. The CLEAN House Act would:

- Ban Members of Congress from Outside Relationships With Government Contractors
- Ban Members of Congress from Promoting Specific Businesses for Government Contracts or Regulatory Favors
- Eliminate Anonymous Appropriation Earmarks
- Ban All Privately Funded Congressional Travel

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