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News from Congressman Scott Peters

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Statement from Congressman Scott Peters RE Mayor Bob Filner

San Diego – Congressman Scott Peters today issued the following statement:

"Last Friday afternoon, I called Mayor Filner to talk to him directly about the very serious accusations being made against him. I left him a voice mail asking him to step down for the good of the city, and offering to help him and his staff accomplish an orderly transition. He has not yet returned my call.

"Our justice system and due process will over time determine the legal consequences of these allegations against the Mayor and will mete out any punishment or liability. Apart from these legal questions, the pain and humiliation these women have suffered is undeniable and inexcusable, and these women, who did nothing wrong, have my full support.

"In the meantime, it is absolutely clear that the Mayor will be unable to give the job the full attention it requires, nor will he have the credibility required to be the best and strongest advocate for the causes the voters elected him to champion. As a member of our region's Congressional delegation, I need a true partner to join San Diego with policy initiatives in Washington, DC. If the Mayor truly cares about the causes he has so long and effectively championed -- veterans, the homeless, neighborhood empowerment, and economic prosperity for the middle class -- then he needs to step aside and let someone without this tremendous cloud hanging above him take the City's reins."

--MaryAnne Pintar