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Joint Statement from Speaker Dennis Hastert, Majority Leader John Boehner Majority Whip Roy Blunt, & Conference Chairman Deborah Pryce on Bob Ney

Washington, D.C. - Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL), Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), Majority Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Conference Chairman Deborah Pryce (R-OH) today released the following joint statement after Bob Ney pled guilty to violating federal law:

"Bob Ney must be punished for the criminal actions he has acknowledged. He betrayed his oath of office and violated the trust of those he represented in the House. There is no place for him in this Congress. If he chooses not to resign his office, we will move to expel him immediately as our first order of business when Congress resumes its legislative work in November."

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