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The seriousness of these allegations goes far beyond the tit for tat of a political campaign. This is a matter for the appropriate authorities to investigate. I believe Mr. Foley deserves the benefit of the doubt until these allegations are proven to be true or false.

The allegations of the Foley campaign are without merit. We have recently become aware of the existence of the emails in question and have received many phone calls and inquiries about them. These emails, and the allegations contained in them, have not been a part of our campaign communications.

The Mahoney campaign's criticisms of Congressman Foley's voting record have been direct and unflinching. Tim Mahoney believes that Congressman Mark Foley does not represent the views and values of the vast majority of the people of Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Tim Mahoney does not believe Congressman Foley's sexual orientation, whatever it may be, should be an issue in this campaign. However, the serious nature of the allegations in question should be reviewed by the appropriate authorities. It is our understanding that a complaint was filed by the alleged victim and that complaint should be fully investigated. Until any investigation is complete, it would be inappropriate for us to comment further.