



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

October 16, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Madame Speaker:

As you know, serious allegations have been raised about Congressman Tim Mahoney of Florida and actions that may have been taken by Democratic leaders in connection with Congressman Mahoney's conduct. The American people, beginning with the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District, are entitled to know all the facts about Congressman Mahoney's official conduct as well as any related actions that were taken by Democratic leaders.

To this end, it is essential that every piece of information related to this case be preserved, including all official communications regarding Congressman Mahoney's employment of and relationship with Ms. Patricia Allen and any related communications among members of the Democratic leadership.

I am requesting that you immediately take all steps necessary to ensure the offices of Rep. Rahm Emanuel, Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Rep. Tim Mahoney, the Office of Compliance, and House Information Resources, as well as your own office, preserve and protect all documents, e-mails, electronic communications, transmissions, and the like related to allegations surrounding Ms. Allen's employment until an investigation into this matter is complete.

Madame Speaker, the American people deserve to know the facts immediately about Congressman Mahoney's conduct, as well as the role that any House Democratic leaders played in this situation. In the spirit of "the most honest, open, and ethical Congress in history," I am sure you will agree that all House records related to Rep. Mahoney's conduct and the subsequent actions of the Democratic leadership must be preserved. I thank you for your thoughtful consideration of and timely response to this urgent request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Boehner".

John Boehner  
Republican Leader

cc: House Administration Committee Chairman Robert Brady  
Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard  
Clerk of the House Lorraine Miller