



REPUBLICANS ARE CIRCLING THE WAGONS... *AND REFUSE TO CORRAL THE CULTURE OF CORRUPTION*

ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DOC HASTINGS (R-WA): “The majority leader has said this is a political vendetta.” [[Seattle Times](#), 10/6/05]

SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT (R-IL): “We will give [DeLay] our utmost support.” [[Washington Post](#), 9/29/05]

MAJORITY LEADER ROY BLUNT (R-MO): “[Blunt referenced] this terribly unfair thing that happened to [DeLay].” [[Washington Post](#), 9/29/05]

REP. DAVID DREIER (R-CA): “Tom DeLay’s leadership has given us all a path to follow.” [Release, 9/28/05]

REP. MIKE PENCE (R-IN): “The temporary departure of Tom DeLay as the Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives is a loss to the Republican Majority in Congress and the nation.” [Release, 9/29/05]

REP. JOHN DOOLITTLE (R-CA): “Tom DeLay has provided and will continue to provide our country principled and effective leadership in spite of these baseless attacks.” [Release, 9/29]

REP. PETER KING (R-NY): “If anything, this indictment may have rallied the party around DeLay.” [[USA Today](#), 9/28/05]

REP. MIKE SIMPSON (R-ID): “I continue to support Tom DeLay as a leading figure in our party, appreciate his service to our party and nation...” [Release, 9/28]

REP. JOE BARTON (R-TX): “Tom DeLay has been an effective advocate and one of the strongest leaders this House has ever seen. I have confidence in Majority Leader DeLay’s integrity and honesty and will be supportive of him as he continues his service to Congress and the nation.” [Release, 9/30]

REP. DANA ROHRBACHER (R-CA): “Everyone is grateful to Tom.” [[USA Today](#), 9/28/05]

REP. MARIO DIAZ-BALART (R-FL): “Despite today’s news, I remain an adamant and strong supporter of Tom DeLay. He is an amazing and strong leader...” [Release, 9/28]