

**Washington, D.C.** - US Rep. David Price (D-NC) released the following statement regarding the revelations of predatory behavior by former Rep. Mark Foley (R-FL) and the failure of the House Republican leadership to act upon learning of his advances toward House pages:

"Former Representative Mark Foley's predatory actions are simply beyond the pale. He should be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

"The boys and girls who participate in the House page program do so under the care and protection of the leadership of the House. Those leaders must be held accountable for any warnings they received and protective actions they failed to take.

"I join my colleagues in calling for a thorough investigation by the FBI and by the House Ethics Committee into Mr. Foley's actions and the House Republican leadership's response upon learning of his inappropriate behavior. We must know exactly who knew what and when, and House leaders should be required to testify under oath to their knowledge and actions.

"No one who had prior knowledge of the danger Mr. Foley posed to the children under the House's care and refused to act to protect those children should be allowed to retain their leadership in the House of Representatives."

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