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**JOINT STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK, SENATE PRESIDENT THERESE MURRAY, AND SPEAKER ROBERT DeLEO**

BOSTON- Wednesday, June 3, 2009 - The following is a joint statement of Governor Deval Patrick, Senate President Therese Murray, and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo:

"The news of yesterday's indictments and the nature of the charges are deeply disturbing. All three of us have put forth serious proposals dealing with ethics, lobbying and campaign finance reform, the details of which are currently being negotiated in conference committee. In light of the recent developments, we believe it is critical that we stand united in our shared commitment to restoring the public trust. Therefore, we have agreed that ethics reform legislation will be passed and signed into law swiftly that includes the best provisions from all three of our proposals. We owe the people of Massachusetts nothing less."

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