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RI Dems blast Doherty for hypocritical attacks on Cicilline

Providence, RI – The Rhode Island Democratic Party criticized Republican Congressional candidate Brendan Doherty today for his hypocritical attacks on Congressman Cicilline related to job outsourcing.

“If Rhode Islanders are wondering how Brendan Doherty would represent them in Washington, they should look no further than his embrace of Mitt Romney and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce,” said Bill Fischer, Democratic Party spokesperson.

“The Doherty campaign’s audacity to criticize Congressman Cicilline over individual campaign contributions while endorsing the president of Bain Capital is the absolute height of hypocrisy and quite frankly defies logic,” said Fischer. “Unless he’s reconsidering his support of Mr. Romney.”

“Mr. Doherty likes to couch himself as a bipartisan candidate, but the reality is quite the opposite. He has gladly endorsed Mitt Romney, who is responsible for the outsourcing of thousands of American jobs while at the helm of Bain Capital. In addition, he has the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has pumped over a quarter of a million dollars into campaign commercials to support his candidacy.

“You can’t stand with big business and Mitt Romney and represent Rhode Island’s struggling middle class at the same time. It’s just that simple. Brendan has draped himself in corporate money while cloaking himself as a bipartisan candidate. His politics just don’t make sense for Rhode Island,” added Fischer.

The U.S. Chamber opposed legislation to end tax loopholes that encouraged the off-shoring of American jobs, writing a letter urging the Senate to oppose consideration of S. 3816, the “Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act” in 2010. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Doherty and spent nearly \$300,000 running ads on his behalf in May. Doherty recently campaigned with the chamber vice-president and with Romney in New Hampshire.