

Letter to the Editor

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Once again the Charlotte Observer has written a front page article based on speculation and limited knowledge. Consistent with my philosophy of having a "multitude of counsel" throughout my life in personal and business affairs, we were diligent to work with knowledgeable attorneys and accountants in all aspects of funding the campaign. Further review by additional attorneys has affirmed that we acted properly and legally, following the advice of our attorneys in our campaign efforts.

While the Charlotte Observer and I share very different views on many issues, it seems to me that this kind of reporting does not provide thoughtful information for public awareness and debate on serious issues. While in Congress, I have worked very hard to serve my constituents and have sponsored legislation that helps create jobs, while working to protect our national security, serving as Chairman of the Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare and Vice-Chairman of the Financial Services Taskforce on Terrorism Financing. Next month, I will host our third forum for 100 European Members of Parliament from 25 countries regarding intelligence, terrorism financing and cyber warfare.

Do you think your readers may have some interest in knowing my efforts to help the economy and create jobs and to protect our nation from Islamic terrorists and adversarial nation states? I would be very pleased to provide an in depth discussion on these and other issues for front page coverage in your publication.

Robert Pittenger