Washington, DC - This morning, members of a Congressional Task Force responsible for investigating the contested 2006 election in Florida's 13th Congressional District attended a background briefing with legal counsel representing both sides of the contested election. Congressman Charles Gonzalez chairs the Congressional Task Force which includes Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (CA-16) add Congressman Kevin McCarthy (CA-22).

Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement on this morning's briefing:

"This morning's briefing was a critical first step as this Task Force organizes and determines how to address the matter of the contested 2006 election in Florida's 13th Congressional District. The members of this task force will formally reconvene in the near future and determine what appropriate action will be taken under the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

"I am grateful that all parties were fairly represented in this morning's briefing and look forward to their continued cooperation and participation as this process moves forward."

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