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## \*\*\*STATEMENT\*\*\*

### Brian Mast Responds

#### “Desperate Politicians doing Desperate Things”

Fort Pierce, FL - Republican congressional candidate and former explosive specialist under the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), and Department of Homeland Security, **Brian Mast (R-FL)**, issued the following statement in response to the *Florida Politics* article regarding the sugar money donations to his congressional campaign.

“In the final days of my Republican primary with my campaign leading in the polls, career politicians resort to lies to discredit my integrity. Once again politicians use words to manipulate the truth and deceive the American public. My integrity and honor have been paramount and present in all of my actions. I served our country putting life and limb on the line in defense of the people of the United States of America. Furthermore, I returned special interest money donated to my political campaign.”

Mast continued... “When has America seen a politician return money donated to their campaign? Americans need to call these politicians on their antics and send them packing.”

“Here is a list of the contributors to my campaign that my competitors are questioning. They are amazing business people who are doing great things in our country with no ties to the sugar industry.”

Marta Batmasian – Ms. Batmasian met Brian Mast at the Lobster Fest; Ms. Batmasian and Brian Mast are friends and invited him to give motivational speeches to her youth non-profit *Propel Your Future*. Ms. Batmasian also runs a real estate investment group, Investments Limited in Boca Raton, Florida.

Lawrence DeGeorge – Mr. DeGeorge personally met with Brian Mast. Mr. DeGeorge is the CEO of LPL Investments, Jupiter, Florida. He is a supporter of Brian Mast because they both served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

W.J. Diamond – Mr. Diamond met Brian Mast at Palm Beach Orthodox Synagogue. Mr. Diamond is a supporter of Brian Mast because of his volunteer service for Israeli Defense Services.

Alfred and Dawn Hoffman – The Hoffman's met Brian Mast in their home. Mr. Hoffman is a retired former CEO of WCI Communities (Real Estate) and former Ambassador to Portugal, under President George W. Bush. Mr. Hoffman also served in U.S. Air Force. The Hoffman's support Brian Mast and are thankful for his service to this country.

Amanda Schumacher – Ms. Schumacher met Brian Mast through a speaking engagement for *Tree of Life* Ministries located in West Palm Beach, Florida. A ministry for drug addiction and the homeless. Brian Mast gave his testimony to the residents of *Tree of Life* Ministries.

Larry and Eileen Smith – Mr. Smith was introduced to Brian Mast in Boston while attending Harvard. Mr. Smith heard about Brian Mast's service with the Israeli Defense Forces and his strong support for Israel.

Evan and Lewis Stahl – The Stahl's are a father and son business. Their company is NextGen Management Medical Record Software based in New York City. They sit on the board of AIPAC and support Brian Mast for his volunteer service with Israeli Defense Forces.

Mary Ourisman – Mrs. Ourisman is a retired former ambassador to Barbados, under President George W. Bush. She and her husband own Ourisman Auto. The Ourisman's were introduced to Brian Mast through Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera. The Ourisman's support Brian because of his service to this country.

Brian Neff – Mr. Neff met with Brian Mast at the Jupiter, Florida facility for CTS Engines. A company that repairs and maintains airplanes for major airlines. Mr. Neff toured Brian Mast of the CTS Engines testing facility in Jupiter, FL. Mr. Neff supported Brian Mast because of his conservative credentials.

Dennis Anderson – Mr. Anderson met Brian Mast through the nonprofit *The Independence Fund*, which provides wheel chairs to injured veterans.

Darlene Jordan – Ms. Jordan is retired from Boston, MA. Ms. Jordan has contributed and supported Brian Mast after hearing his story of resiliency from the battlefields of Afghanistan to attending Harvard University in Cambridge. Mrs. Jordan's husband Jerry Jordan is also a graduate of Harvard.

Christopher Orthwein – Mutual friends of Piper Quinn and Nick Conglio – longtime friends of Brian Mast since 2000.

James Patterson – Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Patterson is the CEO of Pattco LLC, which is a private investment company. Mr. Patterson has hosted events for Brian Mast at his home in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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