Rep. Peter Welch issued the following statement in reaction to the announcement that President Bush would commute the prison sentence of "Scooter" Libby:

"The President's decision is shameful and shockingly disrespectful of the American judicial system. He has betrayed the trust placed in him by the American people, who expect their president to uphold the rule of law. And he has chosen to bow to political pressure at the expense of the integrity of our judicial system."