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It is time for Vitter to go

State Democratic Party Chair renews call for disgraced Senator's resignation

Baton Rouge: In light of the resignation of New York Governor Eliot Spitzer, Chris Whittington, Chairman of the Louisiana Democratic Party called for the immediate resignation of Louisiana Senator David Vitter.

"The people of New York have been shown today that their leaders will be held accountable," Whittington said. "And yet, the people of Louisiana have waited seven months for the same kind of demonstration and all they have gotten is arrogant silence from Mr. Vitter and Governor Jindal, who despite all his big talk of reform, maintains his allegiance to the disgraced Senator whose sins mirror those of former Governor Spitzer.

"David Vitter is a stain on our state's attempt to demonstrate that we have changed our ways," Whittington said. "He is a disgrace and a disappointment. And now he is a walking example that Louisiana continues to lag behind other states when it comes to holding its leaders accountable.

"Governor Jindal can talk about all the good lists he wants. He can spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on a special session aimed at changing Louisiana's perception, but as long as he continues to shield the philandering junior Senator from the same type of accountability that the people of New York have demanded and received, then it is all a wasted effort."

"If Senator Vitter has any regard for the needs of Louisiana citizens to be able to trust the sincerity of our leaders then he will stand up, be a man and resign like Governor Spitzer has," Whittington said. "And if Governor Jindal is ready to demonstrate for once and for all that he is truly committed to cleaning up our state's image and not just pushing empty talk at the taxpayer's expense then he will follow the lead of New York's elected officials and demand Senator Vitter's resignation."

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