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Whitman on Starr Report:

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman today issued the following statement after the release of the report to Congress by Judge Kenneth Starr containing allegations of 11 impeachable offenses committed by the President:

"The allegations that the President of the United States abused power, committed perjury, obstructed justice and tampered with witnesses need to be dealt with swiftly, seriously and fairly by the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate," Gov. Whitman said.

"The evolving scandals emanating from the White House have presented difficult challenges not only for the Congress, but in every household where parents attempt to instill the basic American values of telling the truth and accepting personal responsibility," Gov. Whitman said.

"While the President's own moral crisis has taken a devastating toll on his personal credibility and our faith in him, we should all be grateful that our founding fathers devised a process to ensure that failings of one man destroy neither the nation nor the office of the presidency," she said.

"The Constitutional process, regardless of its outcome, is critical to restoring faith in our national institutions and in all three branches of our federal system. And, our faith will be restored," she said.

"Restoring America's faith now depends entirely upon the Congress undertaking a process that is above partisanship, is fair and deliberate. The only way to bring this sad tale to a close is to move forward with a process that is unfailingly objective and in the best interests of the Nation," she said.