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Akin Statement

“The misrepresentation of expenses by WorldCom not only harms shareholders and employees, but also harms the U.S. economy by shaking market confidence. The SEC is currently investigating WorldCom. I am confident that anyone responsible for criminal wrongdoing will be vigorously prosecuted.

“Any accusation that the Republican Party is responsible for corporate misconduct is absurd and mean-spirited. It is unfortunate that some Democrats are again attempting to make political gains out of personal losses.”