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### RUBIO CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

"Last night, Charlie Crist gave an 11-minute nationally televised interview in which he made multiple references to back waxing, but not a single mention of fighting the liberal Obama agenda. This speaks volumes about what his priorities are.

"Charlie Crist is a desperate politician whose record of supporting the failed \$787 billion stimulus, bailouts and tax increases is being rejected by Floridians with every passing day. Today, Charlie Crist is the sitting governor of the 4th largest state who has fallen so far and so fast that he's now reduced himself to making up stories about his opponent's grooming habits." – Alex Burgos, Rubio for Senate spokesman

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- 11 – minutes long
- 2 – back-waxing references
- 1 – hint about leaving the Republican Party and running as an independent
- At least 3 – falsehoods about Marco Rubio
- 1 – comparison of Rubio to a thief
- 1 – barber as "validation" of his fiscal conservative credentials
- 0 – mentions of fighting the liberal Obama agenda

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### **BACK-WAXING REFERENCES**

CRIST: It has come out in news accounts he had a Republican Party of Florida credit card that he charged \$130 haircut, or maybe it was a back wax -- we are not sure what all he got at that place.

GRETA: Wait a second, stop. A back wax? Wait a second.

CRIST: I don't know what it was, you know?

GRETA: I know, but was there a suggestion it was for a back wax or are you being flip?

CRIST: I don't know what it was. ...

CRIST: You spend \$130 for maybe a haircut, maybe other things, I don't know, what you do at a salon when you are a guy.

#### ***HINTS ABOUT LEAVING GOP AND RUNNING AS INDEPENDENT***

CRIST: People deserve, Greta, as I know you feel, to have an informed vote when they go ahead and cast their ballot whether in a Republican primary or the general election, and I feel the same way.

#### ***FALSEHOODS ABOUT MARCO RUBIO***

1. CRIST: Then he had the gall to go on Neil Cavuto's show and said it was his money. ... It was party donors' money. (FACT: Rubio paid for his personal expenses with his own money.)

2. GRETA: It would make a difference to me, I think, as a Florida voter with the use of the credit card -- I understand he paid it back. Did he pay it back before he got outed or caught, or did he pay it back after?

CRIST: He paid it back after he got caught. (FACT: While he had the card, Rubio regularly made direct payments to American Express to cover his personal expenses.)

3. GRETA: Speaking of money, the stimulus bill, you were one of the few Republican governors who has been in favor of the stimulus program. Why were you in favor of it, and what has it done for Florida?

CRIST: ... All my other Republican colleagues realized and came to the same conclusion. (FACT: Charlie Crist was the only Republican governor in the country to endorse and campaign for the stimulus and help ensure its passage. Surely, Governors Rick Perry, Bobby Jindal, Sarah Palin, Haley Barbour and Jeb Bush would be surprised to learn they shared the same stimulus position as Charlie Crist).

#### ***COMPARISON TO THIEF***

GRETA: It would make a difference to me with the use of the credit card I understand he paid it back. Did he a pay it back before or after he got caught?

CRIST: He paid it back after he got caught. That's like saying I'm going to go and steal something, and if you don't catch me I'll never pay back, but if you catch me I'll go ahead pay it back.

#### ***TO CRIST, BEING A REAL FISCAL CONSERVATIVE MEANS HAVING THE RIGHT BARBER***

CRIST: I get my haircut for \$11 from a guy named Carl the Barber in St. Petersburg, Florida where I grew up. And to me that's real fiscal conservatism.

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