

Washington, DC (March 2, 2012) – Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, released the following statement regarding Thursday's release of pro-democracy workers who had been charged in Egypt:

"I am grateful and encouraged by Egypt's decision to lift the travel ban imposed on pro-democracy NGO staff. However, until all charges against the 43 individuals are dropped and they are allowed to return to their work, this situation will not be fully resolved. Egypt is at a pivotal point in its history and with presidential elections approaching, the worthy mission of these dedicated workers who work to promote free and fair elections is more vital than ever."