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GOP Congressional Candidate Slams ‘Radio Silence’ of NJ Democratic Congressional Delegation As President Trump Welcomes Home North Korean Captives

Not One Acknowledged Historic Return of the Final U.S. Citizens Detained by North Korea on Social Media

SOMERSET, NJ - GOP 12th District congressional candidate, and Somerset attorney, Daryl Kipnis said Thursday that he is shocked and saddened that New Jersey’s Democratic congressional delegation, who had plenty to say about pulling out of the Iran Nuclear Deal, have altogether failed to acknowledge that the final three Americans, who were held captive in North Korea, landed safely back on American soil on either their official or campaign public-facing social media pages.

President Donald Trump welcomed the former captives home at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland early Thursday morning.

“The radio silence of NJ’s entire Democratic congressional delegation on the safe return of these Americans from captivity in North Korea, thanks to the leadership of the Trump Administration, speaks volumes,” Kipnis said. “At a time when all Americans should be cheering the release of three fellow citizens from the horrifying clutches of a North Korean gulag, we have total silence from Democratic members of congress from New Jersey, who seemed to have plenty to say earlier this week when they criticized President Trump for pulling us out of the Iran deal. This is shameful and goes against everything this nation stands for.”

Several of the Democratic representatives in New Jersey, including Kipnis opponent, Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, issued statements highly critical of Trump for ending the United States involvement in the deal.

U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, (D-NJ), for whom Watson Coleman recently proclaimed her “love” despite his recent severe bipartisan admonition by the Senate Ethics Committee for violating Federal law, famously rebuked President Obama and opposed the Iran Deal along with U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, (D-NY), yet also now criticized President Trump’s decision to withdraw, along with Watson Coleman.

For his part, Schumer also insinuated that President Trump allowed North Korea to use the hostages as “bargaining chips” in peace negotiations. Unlike a previous hostage release under the Obama Administration, which coincided with a \$400 million payment to Iran, there are no reports of any U.S. payment to North Korea in this instance.

“That my opponent and her fellow members of New Jersey’s Democrat delegation to Washington cannot even so much as publicly acknowledge the occurrence of this monumental return of the final U.S. citizens which were detained by North Korea, and its significance for our nation and the world, because they are so consumed by political animosity is proof positive that the division in our country can never be healed as long as they remain in office,” Kipnis said. “This pattern of behavior is troubling at its very roots. Even President Barack Obama’s worst critics praised him and stood behind him in unity when he successfully eliminated Osama Bin Laden. Yet, when something like that happens with this president, they ignore what would otherwise be considered a huge move forward diplomatically. It is further proof that they would rather see the country fail in order to seize control and transform it into their laboratory for far-left socialism and profligate patronage just as Gov. Phil Murphy and the Democratic majority in the State Legislature are doing right here in New Jersey. They exist to resist, and resist to exist. This is not what the United States is about.”

“As President Ronald Reagan once said, the upcoming midterm elections are a ‘time for choosing,’ and the people of New Jersey have a clear choice between American values or the lunatic fringe. As a father of three children under the age of 10, it sickens me that New Jersey’s congressional Democrats are setting such poor examples for their constituents, particularly young ones who follow them on social media, due to their continued refusal to display even a modicum of patriotism at this or any other auspicious time for the American people, simply because they can’t accept the fact that the American people elected Donald Trump as our president. They aren’t simply displaying their contempt toward the president, they are revealing their contempt toward all who support him. Unlike Rep. Watson Coleman and her cohorts, I intend to unite rather than divide in Washington, D.C., and I humbly ask the voters in my district to join me in that effort.”

District residents can learn more about Kipnis’ campaign at www.kipnisforcongress.com.

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