



Resolution of Censorship Against Republican Leaders at Fault for 2022 Midterm Failures

Summary: In an embarrassing show, the Republican Party in the 2022 midterms underperformed many predictions, barely winning the house, losing ground in the Senate, and losing key governors' races. The biggest factor is massive incompetence and self-sabotage caused by the establishment republicans, such as Doug Ducey, chairman of the Republican Governors' Association; Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader; Tom Emmer, National Republican Congressional Committee Chair; and Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Leader, who went out of their way to undermine the choices of the conservative base. Dozens of grassroots candidates lost their races, races that could have been won with an even playing field. It is important that we investigate this self-sabotage and attacks on the America First base. Establishment Republicans must know that their days in power are numbered and that attacks on our base will no longer be tolerated. These leaders must be scorned and driven out of leadership, and then out of the party, for the healing to begin and a formidable Republican Party to emerge. This resolution is meant to create support for ousting these leaders and create a groundswell for change in party leadership.

Whereas it is important to acknowledge that in the 2022 mid-term election, many key races featuring America First Republican candidates did not turn out as we had hoped, and

Whereas the responsibility for this failure is very clear – the blame fully lies with weak Republican leadership who betrayed our nominees, and

Whereas as early as September, Republican Governors' Association (RGA) Chair Doug Ducey had declined funding for Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Doug Mastriano [1], dubbing him a "lost cause." Though Mastriano lost by a significant margin, without that injection of critical national funding, he was never given a fair shot against the tens of millions of dollars being funneled to his Democrat opponent, and

Whereas in Arizona, Senate candidate Blake Masters pleaded unsuccessfully for more funding from Mitch McConnell's Senate Leadership Fund (SLF)[2], which ostensibly is dedicated to ensuring a Senate Republican majority. Instead, the SLF sent \$6 million in funds to aid Sen. Lisa Murkowski against a challenge by Trump-backed Republican Kelly Tshibaka in Alaska [3]. Unlike Arizona, this was a Republican vs. Republican contest, and therefore was completely irrelevant to building a Republican Senate majority. As with Pennsylvania candidate Doug Mastriano, Masters' funding was dwarfed by his Democrat opponent, and

Whereas the SLF similarly abandoned candidate Don Bolduc in New Hampshire [4], despite polling showing an increasingly tight race with the incumbent Democrat, all while bankrolling Colorado's Joe O'Dea, a long-shot candidate in a safe blue state who had trashed President Trump and signaled his support of an America Last agenda. In the end, O'Dea lost by a margin of 4.5 points—more than Bolduc did, and

Whereas some of the worst misconduct came from Tom Emmer's National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), the official House Republican fundraising apparatus. In Ohio's 9th District, the NRCC pulled funding for candidate JR Majewski [5], after failing to dictate how the candidate should run his campaign, and

Whereas the story was the same in Nevada's 4th District, where candidate Sam Peters was similarly abandoned, despite ultimately only coming in 3 percentage points behind his opponent in a Democrat-leaning district [6]. This was just the latest in a trend of negative if not downright destructive conduct by Emmer that included abject special election failures, and a smear campaign against Fox News host Tucker Carlson, one of the most conservative broadcasters in the mainstream media. Despite this, Emmer has demonstrated no sense of self-responsibility whatsoever, by running for and winning the position of House Republican Whip, and

Whereas although House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy did not directly oppose Republican nominees, through his Congressional Leadership Fund (CLF) [7], he spent millions on attacking Trump-endorsed Joe Kent in the first round of the Washington 3rd District jungle primary, to promote impeachment-supporting incumbent Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler. The millions that McCarthy spent targeting Kent, along with other MAGA candidates such as

Anthony Sabatini of Florida [8] and Carl Paladino [9] of New York, could have instead gone to ensuring Kent and others won their general election races and delivering a much larger Republican majority in the House of Representatives,

Therefore, these four men must be held accountable for their actions. We demand for county, district and state Republican parties across the country to join us in passing censure resolutions against the following failed leaders: Doug Ducey, Republican Governors' Association Chair; Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader; Tom Emmer, National Republican Congressional Committee Chair; and Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Leader.

Be it resolved that we, the [INSERT NAME HERE] approve for submission this Resolution of Censorship against Ducey, McConnell, Emmer, McConnell, and any America Last Republican who is aligned with these craven, dismal and disappointing leadership figures.

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