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As the January 6 Hearings Expose the Big Lie, Remember that Rouzer, Budd Voted to Overturn the Election

Note to Editors: This is the first in a series of reports intended to spotlight votes by Rep. David Rouzer and Rep. Ted Budd that demonstrate why they are unfit to represent the people of North Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

With millions of Americans tuning in to watch the January 6 Committee Hearings, the Brunswick County Democratic Party (BCDP) urges citizens to remember the role two North Carolina legislators played in supporting the discredited theory that the election was stolen.

The hearings are laying bare how that “Big Lie” was perpetuated by President Donald Trump. “The testimony has clearly demonstrated that Trump knew he had lost, but continued falsely promoting the notion the election was stolen,” said Shelley Allen, acting chair of the BCDP. “Congressmen David Rouzer and Ted Budd were all in on the January 6 insurrection with their support for Trump and his Big Lie.”

The January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of Trump supporters failed to prevent Congress from accepting the votes of the 2020 presidential election. “No thanks to Congressmen Rouzer and Budd, who in the hours after the attack, sided with the mob,” Allen noted. “They voted to reject state-certified vote counts that confirmed Joe Biden’s victory.”

“In choosing to cancel the legitimate votes cast by millions of citizens in several states, Rouzer and Budd will forever be linked to that Big Lie,” Allen continued

To support his position, Rouzer, who is running for re-election in our district for the U.S. House, claimed public confidence in a presidential election “has never been lower.” He also claimed several states experienced “irregularities” and “clear violations of the U.S. Constitution.”

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“Ironically,” Allen noted, “Trump and radical Republicans like Rouzer and Budd created that public mistrust. Further, the January 6 hearings are clearly demonstrating it was Trump and his followers who were violating the Constitution.”

“The Trump campaign filed 60 suits designed to overturn election results in contested states. “Trump lost every time,” Allen continued. “There was and continues to be no evidence of widespread voter fraud or irregularities. Rep. Rouzer, like 146 other GOP members of Congress, simply chose to side with Trump’s Big Lie and against our democracy.”

Meanwhile, Budd, who is now running for the U.S. Senate, voted in lockstep with Rouzer on January 6. But then, he changed his mind. When asked on September 21 of last year whether Biden won the election “fair and square,” Budd said “He did. He’s the legitimate president.” This admission came three months after Trump endorsed Budd in his Senate race.

So, the BCDP asks Budd, “Which is it? Do you support Donald Trump and his lies, or are you disavowing the Big Lie?”

Similarly, the BCDP asks Rouzer, “Why did you support a radical mob intent on destroying the foundations of American democracy by voting to overturn the legitimate election of an American president?”

“As North Carolinians prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, the birthday of American independence, these are important questions that our citizens should have answered before they cast their votes next November,” Allen concluded. “The future of our democracy hangs in the balance.”

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