

## **Rouzer and Trump's GOP Put Party Over People**

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When the needs of his constituents conflict with the dictates of Donald Trump, Brunswick's Congressman, David Rouzer, time and again, votes against us and for Trump's spiteful politics.

The latest example is Rouzer's vote against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill supported by 13 Republican Representatives and 19 Republican Senators, including NC's Burr and Tillis.

In his Nov. 9 newsletter, Rouzer acknowledges that the bill "will help" NC pay for "important road and bridge repairs as well as new construction" and "broadband deployment in our rural areas." But, he says, he voted "NO" because it funds "high speed rail and transit for the urban blue states".

You read that right: he voted to deprive his district and North Carolina of billions for much needed infrastructure repairs and improvements just to ensure that "urban blue states" wouldn't benefit. Rouzer obeyed Trump's command that he oppose President Biden's proposals, even when they are in the best interests of his constituents. Incredible!

Once upon a time, politics was the Art of Compromise. Both sides gave so both sides got. Not anymore. Trump is only happy when his opponents lose, including the 13 GOP Representatives who voted for their constituents over Trump. They have been branded "traitors" and told they will face the "anger" of GOP voters. Frankly, it is Trump's sycophants like Rouzer, who voted against their own constituents' needs, who should feel voters' "anger!"

Trump's zero-sum playbook allows no room for compromise, and it's holding America back. He never passed an infrastructure bill because making blue states and cities suffer is more important to him than helping his own supporters. It's called "cutting off your nose to spite your face" and Rouzer is all in. We deserve better ... a Congressperson who will put constituents first.

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