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"As a member of a military family, and the governor of a proud military state that has been recognized as the most patriotic, my heart and my unending thanks go out to the Khan family for their enormous sacrifice for our country. As far as I'm concerned, they have the standing to say whatever they want in the political process and should not face criticism for it."

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## **SC House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford Calls on Nikki Haley and Henry McMaster to Withdraw Support for Trump after Attacks on Gold Star Family**

Columbia, SC - South Carolina House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford called on Governor Nikki Haley and Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster to pull their support for Donald Trump after the GOP nominee for president attacked Khizr and Ghazala Khan, parents of fallen American soldier Hymayun Khan, over the

weekend. During an interview on Sunday morning, Trump questioned why Ghazala Khan did not speak at the Democratic National Convention, implying it had something to do with her Muslim faith.

Rutherford said the time has come for our state's top Republican leaders to disavow Trump and his comments towards the military and parents of an American hero and pull their support for his candidacy.

**"I was horrified and deeply offended over the weekend when I saw the disparaging remarks made by Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump about a courageous Gold Star family from Virginia," said Leader Rutherford. "During this campaign, Donald Trump has insisted that John McCain was no war hero because he was captured, called our military a 'disaster,' claimed he knew more about ISIS than the generals after admitting he received his military advice from watching 'the shows,' and now he is publicly attacking the parents of our fallen soldiers. The time has come for Republican leaders in South Carolina to put country over party and disavow Donald Trump once and for all."**

**"Our state is a proud military state with thousands of active duty and retired soldiers, including First Gentleman Michael Haley. Mr. Trump's attacks on our military, our soldiers, and the parents of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are reprehensible and un-American. Governor Haley and Lieutenant Governor McMaster should show true leadership and immediately withdraw their support for a man who clearly doesn't understand or appreciate the great sacrifices our military families show every day. If they choose to remain supportive of Mr. Trump's candidacy after these unacceptable attacks, military families in South Carolina deserve to know why."**

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