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Writing a brief on this and of course offering you guys comment. I certainly know what was said a few days ago and can reference that if nothing new.
FWIW, McMaster is still silent. On all of this.
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SC House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford to Haley and McMaster: Tell the people of South Carolina if you still support Donald Trump

Columbia, SC - South Carolina House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford renewed his calls for Governor Nikki Haley and Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster to withdraw their support for GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump after his attacks on a Gold Star family over the weekend. Additionally, Rutherford called on Governor Haley and Lt. Governor McMaster to tell the people of South Carolina if they still plan to vote for Donald Trump.

Since Rutherford called on Haley and McMaster to pull their support for Trump on Monday, Trump has ramped up his attacks on the military, veterans, women and immigrants.

He **accused** Khizr Khan of being "bothered" by his plan to keep terrorists out of the country, and said that he had no regrets about his clash with the family. Trump **said** Vietnam prisoner of war and U.S. Senator John McCain "has not done a good job for the vets." Trump even **joked** he's "always wanted" to receive a Purple Heart but that having one gifted to him by a supporter was "much easier." He **said** that the handling of sexual harassment has "got to be up to the individual."

Rutherford said Trump's comments demonstrate his lack of self-control and ability to lead.

"Donald Trump's most recent meltdown is even more bizarre and troubling than usual," said Rutherford. "The Republican nominee for President is becoming more dangerous and unhinged by the minute and there seems to be no end in sight. In no way, shape or form is Donald Trump fit to serve as commander in chief of this great nation. "

"What is most troubling for the people of South Carolina - aside from Mr. Trump's daily attacks on military families - is the fact that their Governor and Lieutenant Governor continue to stand by his side

no matter what. It is not enough to simply voice your disagreement with Mr. Trump's disgusting comments on a daily basis. The time has come for the leaders of our state to put country ahead of party and publicly reject his candidacy altogether."

"Just as they had the courage to break from their party on the confederate flag, Governor Haley and Lieutenant Governor McMaster must also have the courage to publicly denounce Donald Trump and refuse to support him under any circumstance.

Governor Haley and Lieutenant Governor McMaster have avoided this question in recent days but the stakes have become too high to remain silent.

Do they or do they not still support Donald J. Trump for President of the United States?"

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