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Warren Co. Democratic Chair Steve Foreman Speaks Out on President's Racism & Judiciary Committee Chair Bob Goodlatte's Tacit Agreement

In light of the latest remarks from the President and the near total silence from both the Republican leadership and Republicans who attended the meeting, Steve Foreman, chair of the Warren County Democratic Committee, urges voters to contact their legislators.

“Our members of Congress will not respond unless we pressure them. The only thing they understand is power, and our power is at the ballot box,” Mr. Foreman said. His letter to Rep. Bob Goodlatte, (R-VA), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who was present at that White House meeting is below:

“Unless I have somehow missed seeing a comment from Rep. Goodlatte, I am dismayed to see that the Representative has not gone on record opposing the consistent stream of hate and disinformation that continually issues from President Trump. At the beginning, and throughout his presidential campaign, we saw a constant stream of racism, which came to what appeared to be a crescendo in the wake of the events in Charlottesville last fall.

“Unfortunately, this was not the worst of it. We now have the president spewing more hate during a meeting at which Mr. Goodlatte was present (on 1/11/2018). Our elected representatives are not only supposed to be working for us, but should project the best that we can be as a nation.

“We can only assume that the Republican Party is in tacit agreement with the President in his indiscriminate hatred for those different from him and that they do not disagree with the image of America projected worldwide, identifying with the worst common denominator that exists in this country. I wish that I could believe that the Republican Party did not support these dangerous views, but failing any public disassociation with them, I must conclude that they share these beliefs. This failure of leadership suggests the lack of a moral compass and a willingness to subvert principles in exchange for political power.”

Steve Foreman, Warren County resident, was re-elected chair of the Warren County Democratic Committee on Jan. 6, 2018, at a party caucus in Front Royal, VA. Also elected were Meredith Parnes, vice-chair, Diane Demarcus, secretary, and Barry Gaffney, treasurer.

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