

Tom Hodgson just got back from another <u>Massachusetts taxpayer-funded trip</u> to Washington, DC which (once again) had nothing to do with his official duties. On <u>January 11th</u> Hodgson met with the Trump administration to (once again) try to sell Trump's Wall.

Things may be going to hell in Hodgson's own backyard — he has the highest prisoner <u>suicide</u> rate in the state, the second-highest <u>recidivism</u> rate, the highest rate of complaints of <u>excessive</u> force, and he is the subject of multiple wrongful death and human rights <u>lawsuits</u> — but when it comes to selling Trump's Wall, Hodgson and the <u>far-right</u> groups he represents are nothing if not persistent.

On December 21, 2018 Hodgson posted a statement on Facebook condemning Congress for not funding Trump's wall. A week later Hodgson posted a swipe at an assortment of Democrats for opposing the wall, blaming them for the death of California police officer Ronil Singh. On January 2nd Hodgson again blasted Congress for resisting the wall, and on January 4th he singled out Nancy Pelosi for her characterization of the wall as immoral. All this was done on official letterhead, likely in violation of state ethics regulations.



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Statement from Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson on border security and funding the wall:

The people of our nation and the Sheriffs who have promised to protect them and uphold our laws cannot wait any longer for Congress to fund the wall and secure our borders so we can keep our neighborhoods safe from criminal illegal aliens.

For decades, Congress has traded the safety and security of our citizens and legal residents, and undermined the efforts of law enforcement, by choosing to not act on comprehensive immigration reforms and border security in order to advance individual political agendas.

Enough is enough

Congress must act now on the funding for the border wall. Failure to do so will confirm once again confirm Members' total disregard for families who continued to be victimized by criminal illegal aliens. Almost every day, someone dies at the hands of an illegal alien, and dangerous drugs keep pouring across our borders and into our communities.

It's time for Members of Congress to side with the American people. It's time for Members of Congress to protect the American people and help law enforcement make communities and neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise a family.

It's time for Members of Congress to put aside their political agendas.

It's time for Members of Congress to fund the border wall.



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Statement from Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson on the killing of Newman, Calif., Police Officer Ronil Singh

It is time for the American people to hold their elected lawmakers accountable for each and every crime, from minor to murder, committed by illegal aliens in our country because of Congress' inaction, inability or downright unwillingness to secure our border and protect American families.

The senseless killing of Newman, Calif, Police Officer Ronil Singh is the latest clear example of why the American people cannot continue to ignore the suffering and loss that families continue to endure as a result of Congress' indifference to literate project between the control project of the American people. Lawmakers have shown, time and time again, that their personal political agendas are far more important than the American lives lost or the American tives lost or the American lives latest and the project of the proje

We can no longer sit on the sidelines while we watch those we trusted to represent our interests as Americans use Congress as their personal political playground. This is not about being a Democrat or Republican, this is about America and our individual responsibility to provide a safe and prosperous future for our children and their children's children' If the recent murder of Officer Sigh does not make a call for us to demand Congress fund border security, what will?

Officer Sigh respected the laws of the United States and immigrated to our country legally because he wanted to be a police officer. He was so proud to be an American citizen and pursued a career that enforced the laws that presserved a land of opportunity for future generations of legal immigrants. He was murdered in cold blood by a criminal illegal allen that had no respect for our laws.

Nancy Pelosi said yesterday that a border barrier is immoral. Really? No, what is immoral is the fact that such a statement is an attempt by her to hide her real motives for not supporting the wall. Plain and simple, she is motivated by her selfish political agenda, and in her arrogance, attempts to deflect the truth by making hollow arguments. Then we have Sens. Feinstein and Warren, calling for an investigation of the two children who died in CBP ustody at the border after being brought into our country lilegally. No one wants to see any child die; this is clearly a tragedy. However, having two Senators asking for an investigation of nact, their own political theatre and inaction that created the chaotic situation at the border, is yet another example of people we elected thinking we're studie.

It is clear that Congress has no intention of stopping this crisis and addressing the real issues that matter to us and our families. They work for us, and if ever there was a time to hold them accountable for their performance, it is now. Enough is enough!



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Yet again, Congress is about to put politics ahead of public safety.

The current spending proposal by presumptive House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats contains no funding for the wall or border security. Their proposal includes full funding for sky of the seven remaining appropriation measures.

The one they do not want to fund? The Department of Homeland Security. They want to fund everything but border security, and kick DHS funding down the road until February.

It's the latest example of Congress ignoring the American lives being lost at the hands of criminal illegal aliens. It's another example of how Congress turns the other way on drugs pouring over the border and into our neighborhoods. Sadly, it's the latest example of our elected representatives making it harder for law enforcement to keep neighborhoods and communities after and protect the people from additional dangers.

The American people did not elect Rep. Pelosi and other like-minded members of Congress to impose their partisan political welfare over the welfare of our families, neighbors and our nation.

Our safety and security cannot be compromised by politics anymore.

It is time for all Americans to demand that Rep. Pelosi stop using our nation's Capitol as a political playground. It's time for her to represent people, not politics.

Turge all Americans to use your voice and contact kep. Pelosi and your local Representative in Congress to tell them that we demand funding for Border security – NOWI – and that we are not willing to be subject to being victimized by criminal illegal aliens. You will find the Congressional contact information at https://www.house.gov/representatives.

This latest proposal by Rep. Pelosi and house Democrats underscores the argument that the most fundamental responsibility of government, our public and personal safety, is held hostage once again to partisan political agendas.

Please, contact your elected representatives in Congress and tell them that enough is enough.



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Nancy Pelosi said at a news conference Thursday that a border wall represents immorality and that is not who we are a

Actually, nothing could be further from the truth.

Do the walls and fences surrounding the homes of millions of Americans, including Nancy Pelosi's, mean that they are immoral people? Are the millions of Americans who want a border wall immoral?

Perhaps Nancy Pelosi should be honest with the American people and reveal her real motives. She clearly objects to the president's proposal and the will of the American people because she will do anything to prevent President Donald Trump from achieving goals that will be viewed as success and leadership by the American people.

Why should the American people be exposed to more crimes — including deaths, sex and human trafficking, and the drugs pouring into our communities — when the expects who are dealing with the border issues every day say that a wall is essential to prevent victimization and trafficking by criminal itaged immigrants?

What is truly immoral is that Nancy Pelosi would deny the American people the solution they know will make their communitie their families and our nation safer. As someone who has been to the border on numerous occasions, watched numerous illegal aclience roossing the border in broad subjetly, littled with ranchers, border volutes, border proton (zena low enforcement, and saff at processing-holding facilities, it is painfully clear that Nancy Pelosi and her obstructionist colleagues have no understanding of the ungersy and critical importance of liming and building the wall.

In fact it is blatantly obvious to the American people that Rep. Pelosi and her colleagues have no interest in listening to the experts at the border talk about real solutions that work, because it interferes with their political agenda which is solely about votes for their next election.

Now that is as immoral as it gets: Trading the lives and welfare of our citizens for self-serving political motives. President Trump has been listening to the Border Patrol, Sheriffs and other law enforcement entities throughout the country to understand the impacts of illegal immigration at the border and beyond, and has investigated the suggestions with private businesses as to best solutions to protect our families and our nation with a border security plan.

Unlike the obstructionists, the president is carrying out his duties to protect the welfare of the American people, taking a sensible approach by listening to the experts on security matters. So when the obstructionists who are focused on political self-serving outcomes suggest than the border wall is not an effective solution, they are telling the experts in the softenessment, construction and security, that they (Congres) are before qualified to design a border security plan. DHS Secretary Kirsijan Nielem has been designed to the problems and concerns at the border, but if allo on total cars.

I urge all Americans to join together to control our destiny by contacting Rep. Pelosi's office and their local Congressional representatives and tell them you want them to support the recommendations of the experts in law enforcement and construction and fund the border wall.

Congress has done nothing on comprehensive immigration reform and border security in decades. The time is now for the American people to make their voices heard.

Hodgson watchers took note when the grandstanding sheriff announced that his right-wing rogue sheriff outfit, the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), would be <u>crowdfunding</u> Trump's wall. But Hodgon's project folded after raising less than \$100K — despite dishonest claims of overwhelming traffic — and it now redirects donors to a group called the American Border Foundation.



Overwhelming web traffic has crashed National Sheriffs' Association servers, so we moved the crowdfunding site for the wall to FundTheWall.com and partnered with the American Border Foundation.



Hodgon's new group should not be confused with the GoFundMe campaign that <u>fell short</u> of its goal but <u>doesn't want to return</u> donations. That one was started by Brian Kolfage, a conspiracy nut and <u>scamster</u> who once duped donors eager to help wounded military vets. Kolfage's organization is directed by a <u>toxic crew</u> of Islamophobes, racists and loose cannons — including Erik Prince, disgraced Sheriff David Clarke, and Kris Kobach.

In some ways, the Sheriff's fundraising group is even worse.

Hodgson's new fundraising outfit, now run by the <u>American Border Foundation</u>, is not anywhere close to its \$450 million goal. Its less-than 4,000 donors have raised barely over \$200K. The founder, <u>Gary Dolan</u>, tried wall-building before with a <u>FundRazr</u> campaign that raised only \$12K. The fund's managing director, Quentin Kramer has appeared on the bible show <u>Southern Sense</u> and on a <u>talk show</u> which often invokes Article IV, Sec. 4, Clause 2 of the Constitution ("The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion..."). "Invasion" is a central theme of both the Trump administration and the Constitutional Sheriff's Association (cspoa), which Hodgson joined in 2014.



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The Director of Communications for the American Border Foundation is <u>Jeremy Messina</u>, who really ought to clean up the racist rants on his <u>Facebook</u> page. Messina might also want to redact his YouTube profile. Turns out, the young Trumpian is a self-identified <u>Identitarian</u> White Supremacist. But then Hodgson himself sits on the National Advisory committee of FAIR, which was founded by White Supremacist John Tanton. Birds of a feather. Or, as Proverbs 13:20 puts it: "*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*"

If these pathetic donation efforts are any indication, the American public hasn't really embraced Trump's wall. For all the fear-mongering and hype, most people know it's a stupid waste of billions ("show me a ten foot wall and I'll show you an eleven foot ladder"). But the nation's racists and miscreants love the idea, it's become their organizing principle, and they don't care if the whole country has to suffer for them to get it.

As for Hodgson, it's time the Massachusetts state auditor, the Office of the Inspector General, the Attorney General, the legislature, and the various state Ethics boards began looking at Sheriff Hodgson's abuses of his job as county jail superintendent — the letterhead, the inappropriate travel, the waste of taxpayer money — all to further a White Supremacist agenda.