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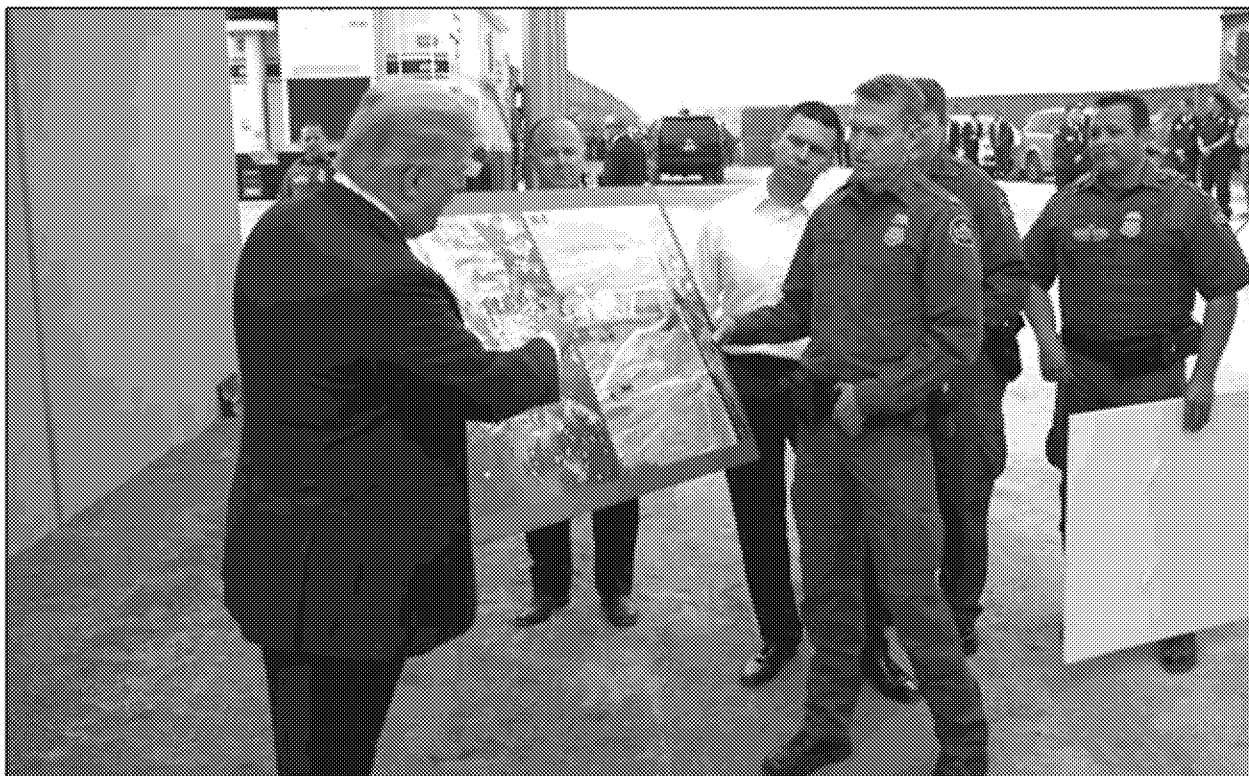
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By Robert Romano

President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions have all but declared war on sanctuary states, cities and counties that refuse to comply with federal immigration law.

The Justice Department has initiated a federal lawsuit to strike down California's unconstitutional attempt to ignore the Supremacy Clause and prohibit cooperation with federal law enforcement officials.

Speaking in San Diego, Calif. after reviewing prototypes for the southern border wall, the President called out California officials for putting national security in danger: "California sanctuary policies put the entire nation at risk. They're the best friend of the criminal. That's what exactly is happening. The criminals take refuge in these sanctuary cities, and it's very dangerous for our police and enforcement folks."

Trump continued, "The smugglers, the traffickers, the gang members, they're all taking refuge, and I think a lot of people in California understand that. A lot of people from a lot of other places understand it, and they don't want sanctuary cities."

Moreover, the President stated, these state and local officials are putting the rule of law and the supremacy of federal law on the line: "These policies release dangerous criminal offenders to prey on innocent people and nullify the federal law. They're threatening the security and the safety of the people of our country. In the upcoming omnibus budget bill, Congress must fund the border wall and prohibit grants to sanctuary jurisdictions that threaten the security of our country and the people of our country. We must enforce our laws and protect our people."

Trump is right. It's the new nullification.

And now the President is presenting Congress with Republican majorities a golden opportunity to show just where they stand. Are they with the President and the American people on enforcing the rule of law and defending the Constitution? Or do they stand with the lawbreakers running California? This was an issue that was critical to Republicans winning the elections of 2016.

All Congress has to do is insist on the omnibus spending bill that the House has already acted on, which will bolster the Trump administration's efforts by denying federal funds to any jurisdiction that will not respect illegal immigrant detainer requests by federal immigration officials.

And build the entire southern border wall while they're at it. It's time to keep out the drugs, gangs and the endless, unregulated stream of migrants. What are Republicans waiting for?

The midterm elections are up in November, and the way Republicans are running their campaigns — away from President Trump, his policies and his supporters — they're going to lose big-time. And they'll deserve to lose.

They won't stand with Trump on trade, and now, when it comes to securing the border and taking on the greatest crisis since nullification, once again they are nowhere to be found.

It's not too late to stand with President on these issues, but really, it's now or never. Even in a good year, Republicans might still lose their majorities. Midterms are tough for the incumbent party. Always have been. Meaning, this is Republicans' best shot to implement the Trump agenda — and prove that they have finally learned their lesson after neglecting their constituents and the American people's interests for decades.

2016 was the year of the forgotten men and women, when President Trump spoke to the neglected concerns of the American people. Have Congressional Republicans already forgotten them — again?

Unfortunately, the word on the street is that House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) are ready to trade away defunding sanctuary cities and building the wall to Democrats. Apparently in exchange for keeping the government open. When are they going to fight?

If the Republicans are so concerned about losing the majority, the question is why do they care?

Because if they're going to let the Democrats determine every deal anyway, then they are truly a majority in name only. Not worth voting for. Why should everyone get riled up for the midterm elections if this is how feckless the legislative process is when Republicans are in charge?

President Trump might be better off just waiting until 2019 to make a deal with a Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.). That might be more honest.

Or, Republican leaders can prove, finally, that they are up to the task of leading this nation — by defeating this new nullification in its cradle. We either have a country or we don't. If Republicans won't stand up for the supreme law of the land now, then they are no longer the party of Lincoln, and we won't have a country for very long.

President Trump won the Republican nomination and then the general election in 2016 by promising to restore the rule of law and secure the border. And in 2020, he'll do fine politically, win or lose, with or without Republican majorities. At least he's trying.

To prove they deserve to keep their majorities, the GOP Congress needs to use its power of the purse and take funds away from the lawless sanctuary states and cities and build the wall. Punish lawless officials that do not respect the supreme law of the land.

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**House GOP opposition to Trump's steel tariffs blew the Pa. special election race**



By Rick Manning

Washington, D.C. House Republicans are scrambling to explain how they lost a special election in a Pennsylvania district that President Trump won by 20 points.

It really is pretty simple. They still don't have a clue how or why Trump won.

The district was formerly served by a Republican who was pro-life, pro-gun and had a long history of opposition to the one-sided trade deals that the President got elected arguing against. Unfortunately, the strongly anti-abortion Congressman got caught urging his mistress to have an abortion and as a result, he had to go away.

The race to replace pitted a mid-30s Democrat who came from a prominent family and campaigned as pro-gun, pro-life and for the Trump trade agenda against a 60 year old Republican state senator who also claimed that he was pro-gun, pro-life and for Trump's fair and reciprocal trade agenda.

For a variety of factors, the race was extremely close and President Trump pushed forward with a plan that had been a year in the making to announce steel and aluminum tariffs against China's steel dumping policy which continues to decimate the U.S. steel industry. In doing so, Trump demonstrated his commitment to his campaign promises and asked voters to send the Republican to D.C. to help him.

And this is where the idiocy of the House Republican establishment took over, as House Speaker Paul Ryan, flanked by his senior leadership team, urged the President to reconsider the tariffs and, however nuanced, more than 100 House Republicans signed a letter cautioning against the tariff imposition.

In the week that followed, Republicans could barely be constrained in their rush toward the cameras to denounce the tariffs as "dangerous" and economy imperiling.

In the pro-Trump trade agenda district containing part of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas, which political party do you think voters associated with supporting Trump's popular policy? If they were paying attention at all, it wasn't the House GOP leaders who had dumped millions of dollars into the race. No, the GOP House members' aggressive denunciation of the Trump steel tariffs solidified the notion that if you want to support the Trump trade agenda, you better vote for the Democrat.

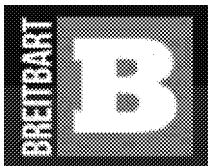
The sad fact is that House Republican leaders demonstrated either that they don't have a clue how to message to Trump voters, or that they actually don't want to win seats in blue collar pro-Trump districts.

It is almost as if they don't want to be burdened by holding the majority in the House in 2019, and if they don't wake up and start embracing the President's winning messages on immigration enforcement and trade, they will find themselves looking up at Speaker Pelosi in January 2019.

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ALG Editor's Note: In the following featured interview by Breitbart.com, Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning praised the decision by President Donald Trump to block to takeover of U.S.-based Qualcomm by Singapore-based Broadcom:



**Rick Manning: China would control everything on the Internet if Trump hadn't blocked the Qualcomm takeover**

By Sean Moran

Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning told hosts Matthew Boyle and Amanda House on *Breitbart News Daily* on Tuesday that if President Donald Trump were to approve Broadcom' hostile takeover of Qualcomm, the "Chinese would have controlled everything we do on the Internet."

Rick Manning discussed President Trump's order blocking Broadcom, a foreign technology company with strong ties to China, from attempting to purchase Qualcomm, arguing that the deal was a threat to America's national security.

The president acted on the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. (CFIUS); CFIUS reviews foreign acquisitions of American companies and can recommend to the president that he block the purchase on national security concerns. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin heads CFIUS.

Mnuchin argued that the decision was due to the president's "commitment to take all actions necessary to protect the national security of the United States."

Manning suggested that Qualcomm has “patents and technology and other things that are vital to our national interests that they own. Broadcom is attempting a hostile takeover to get that intellectual property.”

Manning continued:

As we move over to a 5G world, this is the essentially the Internet of Things (IOT) revolution that’s going to happen, the question is who’s going to dominate that industry, it’s either going to be Qualcomm or a Chinese company called Huawei. If the hostile takeover were to be allowed to occur the Chinese would have controlled every thing we do on the Internet on the outcoming years.

“They would be able to turn a switch and then change our electrical grid,” Manning added.

Boyle remarked, “This is one of the greatest untold stories of his presidency, the use of CFIUS to block China in their efforts to get into the United States.”

The Americans for Limited Government president then suggested that this recent decision serves a significant turning point for CFIUS.

“CFIUS in the past, Matt, has been very reluctant to intervene, and it’s groundbreaking,” Manning explained. “They [Broadcom] were attempting to buy all of the intellectual property that drives everything in the world.”

Manning then continued, explaining to the *Breitbart News Daily* hosts that China has a game plan to dominate global industry.

“It’s to take industry by industry in the United States, and around the world, and create a dependency, where we, and the rest of the world, cannot compete,” Manning argued.

Manning also cited China’s dominance in the rare earth metals industry as well as the middle kingdom’s dumping of steel and aluminum in the United States and other countries.

Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA), who is running for the U.S. Senate seat in Pennsylvania, told *Breitbart News* in an exclusive interview how America can exploit its anthracite coal resources to compete against China in the rare earth metal industry.

Manning then told *Breitbart News Daily* why America needs a vibrant domestic steel industry for national security concerns:

If we do not have the capacity to produce high-grade steel for our basic needs, for the basic infrastructure needs we have in this country, we’re dead, we’re dead. President Trump knows that we only have one plant that makes high-grade steel, one plant that makes high-grade aluminum necessary for military applications. President Trump says that they’re being deliberately undercut in a war with China by undercutting markets and making it so that those plants cannot survive.

“He’s probably the first president since Ronald Reagan who gets that we’re in an international competition,” Manning added.

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