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Lower Welcomes Anti-Trump Afendoulis Into Congressional race Against Anti-Trump Amash

GREENVILLE, Mich. --- State Representative Jim Lower (R -Greenville) welcomed Anti-Trump State Representative Lynn Afendoulis (R -Grand Rapids Twp.) into the race for Congress against incumbent U.S. Congressman Justin Amash (R -Cascade). Afendoulis announced her candidacy today.

"Anti-Trump Afendoulis' candidacy is great news for me, she takes votes away from Anti-Trump Amash because they both appeal to the same voters, people who do not support our President. When you examine her social media posts, it is clear she was embarrassed that President Trump was on the ballot and that she was ashamed that her daughter had such a bad choice between the President and Hillary Clinton. I was not ashamed, I was proud to vote for Donald Trump and to have endorsed him when he needed support the most, when others were abandoning him," Lower said.

- On March 16, 2016, right after Trump's victory in the Michigan Republican Primary, when it became clear Trump would become the Republican nominee, Anti-Trump Afendoulis suggested that Trump (and Clinton) were "Batshit Crazy."
- Between March 17, 2016 and October 10, 2016, Afendoulis made several Facebook posts suggesting that all the candidates were bad choices including President Trump. She also implied we would all be better off dead instead of having Trump as President.
- On October 11, 2016, she apologized to her daughter saying "this is my daughter's first election, I am so sorry. I hope it's the worst you'll ever face..."
- And then, after the election on November 13, 2016, Anti-Trump Afendoulis put up on Facebook
 a long post from another anti-Trumper. In the post, the author uses every anti-Trump attack
 leveled against Trump supporters throughout the entire campaign.
- Anti-Trump Afendoulis' post said that because of Trump's election ...
 - Muslims are afraid for their safety,
 - Women are afraid for their safety,
 - Many Mexican immigrants are afraid for their safety because there are many Trump supporters who call them names, use racial slurs, intimidation, and threats to bully those of Mexican descent,
 - Many members of the LBGTQ community are afraid for their safety,

And I could go on -- those who are disabled, African American citizens, our very own children -- many, many people are frightened right now. And your vote elected the man who frightens them. I know you -- I know that you are not racist, sexist, or hateful. I know you are loving people. But the truth is many Trump supporters aren't like you," Afendoulis' post says.

"I never bought into those attacks against Donald Trump during the election, after the election, or now. Anti-Trump Afendoulis had the chance to post many things on Facebook after the election, but she chose to post a lengthy attack against the hard-working men and women who voted for Donald Trump instead. Like most Trump voters, I was thrilled, excited and relieved that our Republic had been saved. But, not Anti-Trump Afendoulis, all she could do is post attacks against Trump supporters," Lower said.

"I now have three opponents, Anti-Trump Amash, Anti-Trump Afendoulis, and Never-Trump Norton (Tom). They will split the 10%-15% of Republican primary voters who oppose our president, and I will win with the 85%-90% of GOP Primary voters that support our president. Welcome to the race Lynn, I look forward to the campaign and letting voters know which of us they can count on to support President Trump and his agenda of job growth, security and safety," Lower said.

A recent MIRS poll (Michigan Information & Research Service), a Michigan news service that covers state government showed Lower is leading U.S. Congressman Justin Amash (R -Cascade) by sixteen percent, 49%-33% with 28% undecided, in the August 2020 Republican Party Primary Election. The poll of N=360 likely voters was conducted June 5-7 & 9, 2019.

After the poll was released, a tweet from Donald Trump, Jr. to Justin Amash said "we'll see you in Michigan during Primary season, I hear the weather is nice, Justin." The tweet then showed the results of the poll where Lower led Amash by 16%.

(PLEASE NOTE: Lower is pronounced Lau-er)

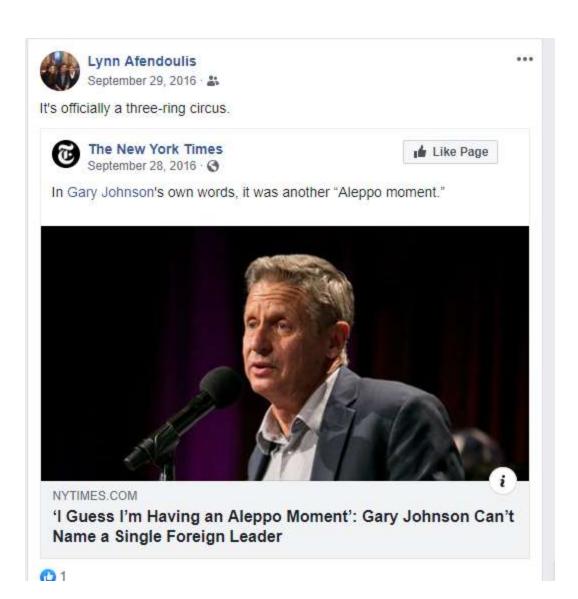
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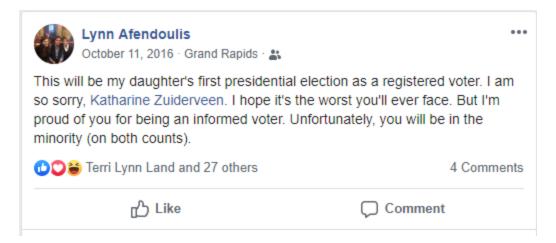
















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