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GOP 12th District Congressional Candidate Daryl Kipnis' Statement On Opponent's Disgraceful Hearing Performance

Rep. Watson Coleman, D-12, Says FBI Derailed 'Legitimate' President, Hillary Clinton

Daryl Kipnis, the Republican nominee for the House of Representatives in New Jersey's 12th Congressional District took to social media to express his reaction to the performance of his opponent, incumbent U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, D-12, at today's Congressional hearings regarding FBI Counterintelligence Division Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok. "My opponent's references to [Benghazi](#) and her remarks that Hillary Clinton is the 'legitimate' president at today's [Strzok](#) hearing are absolutely disgraceful, especially to the Stevens, Smith, Doherty, and Woods families who lost loved ones in that heinous terrorist attack," Kipnis said on Twitter.

Watson Coleman used most of her time to rail against President Donald Trump, calling him "unfit" and "illegitimate," rather than questioning Mr. Strzok about his testimony regarding both the Hillary Clinton email scandal and the Special Counsel Robert Mueller investigation into alleged Russian election meddling in 2016.

She also spent time scolding Republicans on the committees for a variety of issues, and chastised Chairman Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-SC, shouting out "this is not Benghazi!"

"Sadly, this obviously partisan and disrespectful behavior is not what residents of New Jersey's 12th District want or need in Washington, D.C.," Kipnis said. "Political grandstanding and venomous outrage does little to help the people in her district deal with the very real problems here, especially with the new financial burdens that she supported being imposed on residents by Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and the Democratic majority in her district's home base of Trenton."

But Watson Coleman went further still, unleashing her wrath on Mr. Strzok following his testimony that he kept information about the start of the Russian meddling investigation to himself prior to the election, in keeping with FBI protocols.

“If anybody should be pissed at the FBI, because you all helped this unfit man become president of the United States by not revealing to the people that he was under investigation and his campaign, it should be me,” Watson Coleman said. “(Republicans) should be applauding you, kissing you, and giving you all awards because, but for you, we would have had a legitimate president elected.”

“I really don’t know what reality my opponent lives in,” Kipnis said. “Based on her conduct at today’s hearing, it is clear that my opponent is completely incapable of accepting the results of the 2016 election, insinuating that Hillary Clinton is the ‘legitimate President.’ She further went on to reference Benghazi, which is beyond disgraceful to the families of the four great Americans who are forever lost to us, as well as our brave servicemembers like [Kris Paronto](#) who attempted to save their lives. It is also clear that she is incapable of governing, and has allowed her all-consuming hatred of one man to materially interfere with her responsibilities to her constituents in NJ’s 12th District to such a radical extent that she cannot uphold her oath of office.”

“My opponent is forever defined by her hostility towards those with whom she disagrees. I am guided by my passion to serve you and your family like no one ever has before, regardless of your feelings on the president or your political affiliation, or anything else at all. You have a real choice this November, and a profoundly important one. Make the best of it!”

District residents can learn more about Kipnis’ campaign at www.kipnisforcongress.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KipnisForCongress, or on Twitter at [@Kipnis4Congress](https://twitter.com/Kipnis4Congress).

Link to video of Watson Coleman’s remarks: www.c-span.org/video/?c4739621/bwc

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