

**Issue:** Meeting with Legislator

**Legislator:** Representative: Charlie Dent

**Date:** Date: March 7, 2017

**Content:** Attendees: Rachel Mark, Michael Mark, Robert Naeye. Notes taken by Robert Naeye.

Time: Informal meeting at Open House in Hershey District Office

Ethics in Government

- There's no question the Russians were meddling in our election and tried to harm one of the candidates.
- The Senate and House intelligence committees should each start an investigation. The Senate is moving faster than the House.
- We are still early in process. (Things can't happen overnight)
- I think this matter has to be thoroughly investigated.
- There are two issues here. The first is that the Russians were hacking and meddling in our election, which is outrageous.
- But we've been known to meddle in other nation's elections too.
- My bigger issue is with the policy toward Russia.
- Russia is a threat and an adversary.
- The President is too conciliatory toward the Russians.
- Russia is clearly trying to undermine NATO and Western Europe.
- I want good relations with Russia, but I support sanctions.
- I am concerned that the president and cabinet have different positions on Russia, which is leading to confusion.
- I am supporting a bill so Congress can voice its disapproval of any effort to lift sanctions without Congressional authorization.
- Let this take the investigation take its proper course to determine if there was collusion with the Russians and the Trump campaign.
- I don't have a problem with members of Congress talking to foreign ambassadors. I talk to ambassadors all the time
- The fact that Flynn lied was a concern to me.
- Flynn was not my choice for national security advisor.
- I would be concerned if these conversations with the Russians if they were trying to unravel the sanctions before Trump took office.
- I was one of first people to call out Sessions to recuse himself from any investigations involving Russia.
- I agree with many of the concerns people have about Trump
- Whenever I speak up about someone, I say something about their policy
- Trump has only spoken in a measured way that one would expect of a president when he gave his speech to Congress on February 28th.
- I have to respect the fact that he was elected, even if I did not support him.
- I speak out against the administration more than anyone on the Republican side
- I told the White House immediately that they should cease enforcement of the executive order on immigration
- I can't spend every day trying to correct the president.
- I never personalize my criticism, I speak to the policy
- Former DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz and I are on the same subcommittee. She and I will agree or disagree on an issue, but we need to work together on other issues, so we don't personalize our disagreements.

Healthcare

- I am just starting to review the Republican replacement to the ACA, so I don't have an official policy
- Parts of law need to be repealed, parts of the law need to be retained, and parts of the law needs to be reformed
- Some things are going to stay
- I spoke to Governor Wolf last week, and I am talking to other governors to see what needs to be reformed
- Every American should have access to affordable health insurance
- There are people waiting to get sick before they get insurance, and that's a problem
- The current system is collapsing
- Medicare in its current form will go insolvent in the future
- There will be a day of reckoning
- Entitlement spending is driving a long-term problem in budget
- We could zero out the defense budget and still we will have a problem with entitlements eventually eating up the entire federal budget { THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT THAT MANY PROGRESSIVES EITHER DON'T UNDERSTAND OR DON'T WANT TO ADMIT!!!}
- That's a hard reality we have to deal with
- I want to wait for the CBO report before deciding on the new health care bill

Asks: Nothing specific

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