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Former Chairman Says Dodd Should Withdraw

Former State Democratic Party Chairman Ed Marcus believes the time has come for Connecticut Democrats to go with another candidate for the U.S. Senate. During a taping of “Face the State” tonight Marcus said quote:

“If I were the Democratic chairman I would sit down with Chris and indicate to him that for the good of the party he should withdraw... he is going to be a drag on the ticket .”

Marcus went on “Chris has had Obama in for him, Biden in for him, a lot of tv ads and they havent moved the numbers. Rightfully or wrongfully the perception within the voting public in Connecticut is just negative toward Chris.”

Other quotes:

“His staying is a disservice to the Democratic Party in Connecticut.”

“ I don’t think the Republican field is strong at all I think there is anti Dodd sentiment.

I think a poll with Blumenthal against the Republicans would show a hands down win of 20-25 points for Dick.”

Dodd’s campaign manager Jay Howser released this response:

“Ed who? To be honest, it’s embarrassing for Ed Marcus that he’s still holding a grudge against Senator Dodd based his own ineptitude as State Party Chair nearly a decade ago. Ed’s judgment in the past has been questionable at best, and he’s in no place to be playing judge and jury with anyone. In choosing to grind his axe publicly, Ed reveals himself for who he really is – a bitter has-been, instead of someone who once held an important position within the Democratic Party.”

You can watch the entire interview this Sunday at 11 AM on Face the State. Marcus also talks about his endorsement in the race for governor and Senator Joe Lieberman,

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Chris Dodd needs to go. He is a crook and his time is up.

He can’t get out of this one.

It is time that ALL politicians see that if not voting for their constituents, it is time to go and we WILL vote them out.

Others who are voting for the health care reform should heed the voice of the public. Let Chris Dodd be the sacrificial lamb for all other politicians to see.

Merry Christmas! God Bless America

[Kathleen Shea](#) - December 18, 2009 at 4:22 am

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Attack the messenger? Is that how Chris Dodd feels about his constituents whose support has cooled over the years? I had a Dodd lawnsign out in 2004 and 1998, if I replace it

with an Merrick Alpert (or, scary, Simmons or McMahon) in 2010 does that make me a bitter has been that used to vote for you and support you, Senator Dodd?

Ed Marcus isn't the only one who waning support for Dodd has tipped the polls into unfavorable range. As a Democrat, I used to be proud that we had two senators pushing a democratic agenda...now we have Countrywide's VIP, Chris Dodd, who helped Freddie and Fannie destroy our economy and is doing everything he can to help credit card companies jack up interest rates to keep his constituents deep in debt, and Joe Lieberman, who is all over the map with his positions. I don't disagree with Lieberman entirely, and if he's being principled, OK...he just looks bad with his flip-flops and his need to be in the center camera not only on C-Span, but on every talk show.

Ed is right that Dodd staying on the ballot will hand over the senate seat to Linda McMahon or Rob Simmons for the next 6 years, and will have a horrible effect down the ballot for the Democratic Party.

As for 10 years ago....didn't Ed win re-election to the chairmanship when Chris Dodd was opposing him?

And wasn't the main issue in the "get Ed out as State Chair" campaign that Chris Dodd wanted Ed Marcus to stop investigating John Rowland's Litchfield County cottage?...oh, that's right, our good Democrat Chris Dodd wanted Republican John Rowland's cottage purchase to not be scrutinized because it was a "personal" purchase and not a "public" policy issue...I guess we know why Dodd didn't want houses investigated. By the way, thank you, Ed, for not listening to Dodd and continuing to research the cottage, at least you did work for the taxpayers of Connecticut by exposing Rowland's criminal receipts of gifts while our Senator tried to cover it up.

CtDem - December 18, 2009 at 11:42 am

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Howser, speaking for Dodd, is the one who sounds bitter! And if you replace Dodd's name for Marcus', the quote is even better.

"Dodd who? To be honest, it's embarrassing for Sen. Dodd that he's still holding a grudge against the Connecticut voters based his own ineptitude as Senator. Dodd's judgment in the past has been questionable at best, and he's in no place to be playing judge and jury with anyone. In choosing to grind his axe publicly, Dodd reveals himself for who he really is – a bitter has-been, instead of someone who once held an important position within the Democratic Party."

Roger Sherman - December 18, 2009 at 1:41 pm

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Dodd please stay in the race as you will guarantee a win for the GOP. What’s more hilarious is that the Democratic party would still support a corrupt politician like Dodd if he had a chance to win. Ethics have gone completely out the door. Dodd should have been kicked out a long time ago. The GOP has my vote next November!!!!

Dave - December 18, 2009 at 10:07 pm

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