Time for McConnell to be Held Accountable for Enabling Trump

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On Friday February 7, in a vindictive and retributive move to punish witnesses who testified against him in the House Impeachment proceedings, President Donald Trump fired Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, Director for European Affairs for the United States National Security Council, and Ambassador Gordon Sondland, United States Ambassador to the European Union.

Then on Tuesday the Department of Justice and Attorney General William Barr undermined the judge’s ruling in the Roger Stone case, resulting in the unprecedented resignation of all four prosecutors. What we witnessed was perhaps Trump’s most egregious assault on the rule of law.

Will Republican Senators like Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, as well as the state’s five Republican Representatives, once again look the other way, placing party above principle and blindly following the lead of their President?
Sadly, it would appear so. We’ve already witnessed Senators Lamar Alexander, Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, Joni Ernst and others admit that President Trump’s actions in the Ukraine scandal were wrong. They also incorrectly predicted the impeachment would change his behavior, making him more cautious and preventing future illegal, inappropriate and self-serving actions that are not in the interest of the country.

Let us not forget that voting is a powerful democratic tool—and, in this case, the last way to hold this President and his congressional enablers accountable. I hope Kentucky’s citizens will exercise their right to vote, place principle above party and help end the current nightmare. That should mean the defeat of Senator Mitch McConnell, perhaps Trump’s chief enabler and someone who consistently excuses the President, turns a blind eye every time he engages in reprehensible behavior. It also should result in the condemnation of Senator Paul and the defeat of some of the state’s five Republican seats in the House.

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