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Rick Scott Must Go – 2024 Can't Come Soon Enough¹

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Even though Florida Senator Rick Scott is not up for reelection until 2024, he inexplicably and unjustifiably released a campaign ad yesterday, and it is only January 2020. Of course, he is running the ad in Iowa as well. This is a blatant attempt to protect and support his political crony President Trump while smearing Democratic candidate Joe Biden. Scott's ad is wholly false, vitriolic, and a gross disservice to his constituents in Florida as well as the nation.

Voters can argue about Biden's record and viability as a candidate. They can question Hunter Biden's decision to accept the job on the board of Burisma. However, in the ad Scott looks into the camera and blatantly lies to voters. Scott states that Biden demanded that Ukraine fire the prosecutor because he was trying to stop the prosecutor from investigating Burisma and to protect his son Hunter. Scott certainly knows both to be completely false, yet he chooses to engage in the most dishonest and disingenuous political farce.

The evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that Biden carried out the policy of the United States, NATO, the European Union, and the International Monetary Fund, among others, in demanding Ukraine remove a prosecutor widely known to be corrupt and failing in his duties. That prosecutor had already completed a review of Burisma without taking any action. If Biden were trying to help his son in any way, he would have left the matter alone. By demanding Ukraine replace the prosecutor with someone who would legitimately and fervently fight corruption, Biden put both Burisma and his son at risk. If Burisma or Hunter Biden were involved in impropriety, this new prosecutor would have filed a case against them, not protected them. And of course, this was the consensus policy of the entire western world, not just the United States or Obama administration.

Surely the irony here cannot be lost on Florida voters. Rick Scott is among the most corrupt politicians in history. He impersonated a veteran when his service merely consisted of one partial enlistment that he manipulated to significantly shorten to avoid full service, and one in which his sole accomplishment was a cruise to Bermuda wherein he exploited fellow sailors selling soda.

Years later, Scott led a healthcare company that committed significant Medicare Fraud against the U.S. and taxpayers. They paid a fine of 1.7 billion dollars, the largest such fine in history at that time. Scott left the company with hundreds of millions of dollars in his pocket.

If stealing from the American people at large were not bad enough, the victims of his fraud

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included a large veteran population who were denied proper health care as a result. As Governor, Scott made hundreds of millions of dollars from state contracts going to his own business interests and investments. Even in a world of extensive political corruption, this is an incredible amount of thievery.

Rick Scott unabashedly lies about Joe Biden in the ad when all the while it is he, Scott, who has a pronounced record of corruption. Biden does not. Scott's corruption is of such an incredible scale that it cannot be ignored or excused. It is no mystery why Rick Scott and Donald Trump are such close allies. Lie, cheat, steal.