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The Trump Endorsement Trap Is Undermining Constitutionalists; Boebert Now in the Crosshairs for Supporting Massie

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) is the latest subject of President Donald Trump's ongoing crusade to primary and replace congressmen who challenge his agenda.

In a punchy Truth Social [post](#), Trump accused Boebert of being "dumb" and a "carpetbagger," and added it would be his "honor" to undermine her candidacy and endorse a more "proper" primary challenger.

Boebert's supposed crime against Trump is supporting her colleague, Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), in his campaign against Trump's handpicked replacement, Ed Gallrein, in the May 19 Kentucky GOP primary.



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Lauren Boebert

Trump did not mince words: "Is anyone interested in running against Weak Minded Lauren Boebert in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District?"

"A Carpetbagger, indeed!" he continued. "Boebert is campaigning for the Worst 'Republican' Congressman in the History of our Country, Thomas Massie, of the Great Commonwealth of Kentucky, and anybody who can be that dumb deserves a good Primary fight!"

Trump added that while he has endorsed Boebert in the past, if someone more loyal to his goals would step up and replace her, they would get his endorsement and full support instead.

Boebert: Still Supporting Massie

Boebert, who has a 93-percent [score](#) on *The New American's* Freedom Index, which grades legislators on their voting record based on the Constitution, said she will not back down from her convictions, despite the pushback.

"Yes, I saw the President's post," Boebert [said](#). "No, I'm not mad or offended. I knew the risks when I agreed to stand by my friend Thomas Massie."

She was, is, and always will be America First and MAGA, she added.

Speaking out on why the president is attacking Boebert, Massie, and other constitutionally oriented legislators, Marjorie Taylor Greene noted that targets appear to be anyone who calls for accountability for Jeffrey Epstein's crimes.

In fact, according to Greene, only four Republican congressmen originally supported the discharge petition to release the Epstein files: "Thomas Massie, Nancy Mace, Lauren Boebert, and myself."



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“Trump has come after us one by one ever since then,” she added.

Greene, who left Congress in January over division within the GOP, noted that it is only when Republicans were forced to vote on the record for Massie’s Epstein Files Transparency Act that they fell in line. Still, accountability for the Epstein class has yet to be seen.

“I want nothing to do with a President and a Party that bows to the Epstein class,” Greene concluded.

The Power of the Endorsement

Trump meddling in Republican primaries is hardly new.

Indeed, the president’s track record of endorsing establishment candidates and combating constitutionalists is all too common.

He has even backed individuals who have yet to announce their candidacy or, in some cases, endorsed individuals who do not live in the district of interest.

For example, in Florida’s 1st Congressional District, formerly represented by Matt Gaetz, Trump preselected Florida’s former chief financial officer, Jimmy Patronis, to assume the role before Patronis showed any public interest in running.

“Should he [Patronis] decide to enter this Race, Jimmy Patronis has my Complete and Total Endorsement. RUN, JIMMY, RUN!” Trump [posted](#).

Patronis did not live in the district at the time.

Trump leveraged the same tactic in Florida’s ongoing gubernatorial race to replace Governor Ron DeSantis, who is terming out in January.

On Truth Social, Trump pre-endorsed Congressman Byron Donalds (R-Fla.): “Byron Donalds would be a truly Great and Powerful Governor for Florida and, should he decide to run, will have my Complete and Total Endorsement. RUN, BYRON, RUN!”

The president has even endorsed two candidates running for the same office, as he did in the 2022 Missouri GOP primary for U.S. Senate when former Missouri Governor Eric Greitens faced off against former state Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

Trump, at the last minute, endorsed “ERIC,” not offering a last name. Both candidates claimed that they were Trump’s pick, sowing confusion and division among voters.

The president is currently using the same dual-endorsement play in the Arizona gubernatorial GOP primary, endorsing both Karrin Taylor Robson and Congressman Andy Biggs. The latter was heavily endorsed by the late Charlie Kirk.

Voters Responsible, Not Trump

Ultimately, Trump’s endorsement carries a lot of weight and often decides elections before they begin.

Analysts have commented that a more productive use of Trump’s endorsement powers would be to influence Congress to codify his campaign promises, such as combating globalism by defunding and withdrawing from the United Nations and funding a border wall and mass deportations.

Ultimately, voters — not Washington, D.C. — have the power to elect who represents them. All patriots of goodwill should educate themselves and others about candidates, measuring their viability by fidelity



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