

FL28: Retired USN Cmdr. Phil Ehr Calls on Rep. Carlos Gimenez to Condemn Donald Trump Latino-Hating "Poisoned Blood" Rhetoric; Sensible Immigration Reform MUST REJECT RACISM

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MIAMI – Democratic Congressional candidate Phil Ehr, a retired U.S. Navy commander, called on Republican Congressman Carlos Gimenez to reject recent hate statements by Donald Trump suggesting that Latinos are "poisoning" the "blood" of America.

In the past weeks, Trump has made a claim consistent with [the rhetoric of the Third Reich](#) that Latino immigrants are "animals" that are "poisoning the blood of America."

Following is Ehr's statement calling on Gimenez to reject Trump's poison, anti-Latino words:

"The uniform I wore in the U.S. Navy meant faithfulness to the idea that America was a refuge for the persecuted and a home for those fleeing kings and dictators.

"Donald Trump is not faithful to the United States when he suggests that Latino migrants are "poisoning" the "blood of America." So much American blood was spilled to reject this hatred. Donald Trump's word should be condemned - and so should cowards like Carlos Gimenez who sits back and refuses to defend migrants or speak out against the kind of rhetoric that has always been an ingredient to genocide.

"There can be no question that we need bipartisan compromise on the security of our southern border. From more enforcement to prevent illegal immigration to more resources to process legal migrants and asylum-seekers.

"I agree that Democrats must join with Republicans and this president to come up with a lasting and comprehensive agreement on immigration.

"But NOTHING can go forward until Republicans like Carlos Gimenez stand up to the hateful, anti-Latino language of Donald Trump."

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