



TO: Interested Parties  
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RE: Smart Move for Democrats to Drive Wedge Between Trump and His Base  
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*"Only national emergency is that our President is an idiot" – Ann Coulter*

Declaring the national emergency to finance Trump's wall is one of the first issues that Trump's base has split with him. As Mayor Rahm Emanuel pointed out in an interview on Friday, Democrats would be wise to drive that wedge as hard as possible.

It is our recommendation that Democrats try to achieve this by focusing on how Trump plans to pay for his campaign re-election emergency: By stealing military funding. That's right. He's taking money from our troops to pay for his vanity project.

Three key points:

- 1) This is a continuation of a disgraceful pattern of Trump's disrespect toward the military. From insulting McCain and Mattis and Gold Star families to not receiving briefings on Mideast deployment from the top generals to not fixing the VA, it is time to push a message that Trump treats our brave soldiers as nothing more than props for his reality show.
- 2) Trump is cutting funding from South Korea. Apparently, he trusts his new buddy from North Korea over long-time allies.
- 3) How do key Republicans like Mitch McConnell (Ky.) and Ron Johnson (Wis.) feel about projects in their states losing funding in order to pay for this ridiculous stunt? Democrats should turn up the pressure on Senators whose constituents are about to lose money.

As [Sen. Tim Kaine \(Va.\)](#) said: "Removing lead from military housing, making overseas bases safer" and "upgrading hospitals that treat wounded troops" should be much higher priorities than a border wall. These are the types of projects military construction funding is supposed to [pay](#) for when it isn't stolen to build a wall that won't make us safer."

[Congressman Ted Lieu](#) (CA-33) and [Congressman Jerry Nadler](#) (NY-10) were pitch perfect on CNN Friday night.

Take the fight to Trump, a man who wraps himself in the flag but treats our military men and women as props.

This is the wedge that needs be hammered to force his Fox and Friends advisors to pick a side: Trump or the Military...for the Wall.