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**STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR ASKS RI GOP CHAIR BELL TO CONDEMN TRUMP'S SUPPORT  
OF NEO-NAZIS, WHITE SUPREMISTS AND KU KLUX KLAN  
*Says Bell is No 'Profile in Courage'***

**WARWICK, R.I.** – “How many Americans sacrificed their lives and shed their blood to protect us from the evil of Hitler’s Nazi regime,” said Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara Wednesday. “Today our freedom, our democracy is again threatened by the ugliness of the White Supremists, Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis, when it’s glorified by our president and shamefully ignored by Rhode Island GOP Chair Brandon Bell. It doesn’t take a profile in courage to speak out against this outrage,” he said.

“The continued, shameful silence by this state’s GOP Party leader – Brandon Bell – is deafening and puzzling,” McNamara said. “Where is he? Why is he silent in this time of national crisis, and why isn’t he condemning the horrific actions of the so-called ‘Alt-Right?’ This is not a Republican / Democratic issue – this is an *American* issue; our nation needs its elected and political leaders to speak out now against this injustice.

“A young woman was senselessly killed, two state troopers lost their lives, and dozens more were critically injured. How this president can condone these actions is a disgrace but how this state Republican Party leader can remain silent is just as appalling. Brandon Bell: your silence implies your consent,” McNamara said.

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