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STATE DEM CHAIR CHIDES R.I. G.O.P SILENCE ON TRUMP'S EMBRACE OF PUTIN & DENIGRATION OF U.S. MILITARY GENERALS

Calls on State & Local Republican Leaders to Take a Public Stand on Trump's Extreme Positions

WARWICK, R.I. – Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara criticized the Rhode Island Republican Party today for being silent on Trump's continued public embrace of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin and for his denigration of U.S. Generals who have lead our military with honor.

McNamara called on Republican leaders and candidates for state and local office to either stand by or condemn his outrageous comments, noting, "In last night's televised Commander-In-Chief forum about the military, Trump said, *"If he says great things about me, I'm going to say great things about him. I've already said, he is really very much of a leader. I mean, you can say, oh, isn't that a terrible thing – the man has very strong control over a country. Now, it's a very different system, and I don't happen to like the system. But certainly, in that system, he's been a leader, far more than our president has been a leader."* " <http://time.com/4483355/commander-chief-forum-clinton-trump-intrepid/>

McNamara noted Trump also denigrated and threatened to fire America's Generals, when he said, *"I think under the leadership of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, the generals have been reduced to rubble. They have been reduced to a point where it's embarrassing for our country."*

"The people of Rhode Island have a right to know if their state and local Republican candidates for office agree with Trump's thinking –their Presidential nominee - and they should be able to defend that position," McNamara said. "The people have a right to know how their candidates' and the Republican Party stands on our next Commander-In-Chief."

****COVERAGE INVITED****