

Did President Trump Endorse a “Never Trumper”?

ATLANTA, GA – While President Donald Trump’s **former Georgia Campaign Chair was providing robo calls and campaign support** for Lt Gov. Casey Cagle because Secretary of State (SOS) Brian Kemp never supported Trump’s campaign, Trump tweeted an endorsement of Kemp in the Georgia 2018 gubernatorial race. The endorsement is bizarre and **inexplicable** even to some of Trump’s state and county campaign organizers who were contacted for this article.

Rayna Casey the chairwoman of Trump's Georgia campaign [told](#) Cox Newspapers, that **Kemp was "never a part of the Georgia Trump for president campaign"**. Although Cagle initially supported Jeb Bush, Mrs. Casey said Cagle was "all in" afterwards and helped rally other Republicans to Trump during the general election against Hillary Clinton. Kemp meanwhile [told](#) Clarke County Republicans in August 2016 that Trump was “the candidate that we got”.

The tweet was also bizarre since **Trump was dead silent throughout a gubernatorial campaign by his Georgia State co-chair, Senator Michael Williams, the first elected official to endorse Trump in Georgia. Williams even traveled out of state to campaign for Trump.**

Kemp has acknowledged that he was always silent regarding Trump even though he made a partisan endorsement of Karen Handel in the 6th District race last year as SOS. In fact, **the only connection that Brian Kemp has to Donald Trump’s 2016 election** is that he oversaw the key Georgia election server that was found to be exposed for hacking to anyone on the internet in August of 2016. That server is used to supply voter registration data and election databases to all voting machines and all counties for every election. The servers were found to still be exposed in March of 2017 and Kemp made no forensic efforts to determine who may have hacked into Georgia’s voting system. Kemp also was in charge when the data was destroyed without a backup even though it was known that no backup existed. A [VoterGA audit](#) explains how the exposure could result in **undetectable** hacking without a hacker accessing a voting machine.

Observers generally agree there is little difference in Cagle and Kemp campaign platforms. Both claim to be conservative but have establishment track records. Both have similar immigration planks. Both are lukewarm on pro-life issues, failing to get endorsements from Georgia Right to Life. Kemp is weaker on the 2nd Amendment after voting to table a bill that would have revoked a governor’s power to suspend firearm sales during an emergency. [SB92 – 2003] Both have trust issues. Cagle has long been criticized for shady legislative deals while Kemp is the subject of pending [criminal complaints](#), a defendant in a [\\$700,000 loan guarantee default case](#) scheduled for July 25th, and [named](#) by Sen. Renee Unterman in a request for an investigation into his failure to use his licensing power in 25 massage therapist sexual molestation cases.

Pundits have attempted all sorts of discredited explanations for Trump’s tweet. They speculated that Sonny and David Perdue may have influenced the President but the Perdues have clearly remained neutral so as not to alienate supporters. Sonny Perdue bypassed Kemp when he first chose a replacement SOS for Karen Handel in 2009. Other absurd explanations include Trump wanted to pick a winner and Trump was mad at Cagle for saying he supported him. When told of these explanations, a Georgia Trump campaign organizer replied they “make no sense”.