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House Leader McCarthy Endorses Liz Cheney's Opponent Harriet Hageman

On Thursday, Kevin McCarthy, presently the House minority leader and likely to become speaker of the House (assuming Republicans take back the House in November), [endorsed Harriet Hageman](#) over Republican Liz Cheney for Wyoming's House seat.

McCarthy said:

The most successful Representatives in Congress focus on the needs of their constituents, and throughout her career, Harriet has championed America's natural resources and helped the people of Wyoming reject burdensome and onerous government overreach.

I look forward [as house speaker] to welcoming Harriet to a Republican majority next Congress, where together, we will hold the Biden administration accountable and deliver much-needed solutions for the American people.



AP Images
Harriet Hageman

He never mentioned Cheney by name, nor did he remind readers that the Wyoming Republican Party no longer considers her to be a Republican. He didn't mention the censure she received last week from the Republican National Committee over her selling out to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the Democrats' continuing witch hunt against former President Donald Trump.

However, talking with Fox News' Sean Hannity, he did expand on the reasons he endorsed Hageman:

Wyoming deserves to have a representative who will deliver the accountability against this Biden administration. Not a representative they have today that works closer with Nancy Pelosi, going after Republicans....

McCarthy's endorsement came on the heels of an endorsement of Hageman from another prominent Republican, Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), who presently serves as chair of the House Republican Conference. In a press release, Stefanik said:

I'm proud to endorse Harriet Hageman in her race to unseat Liz Cheney....

Liz Cheney abandoned her constituents to become a Far-Left Pelosi puppet. Liz sadly



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belongs in an MSNBC or CNN news chair, not in Congress representing Wyoming — a state that voted for President Trump by over forty points.

Harriet is a true America First patriot who will restore the people of Wyoming's voice that has been long forgotten by Liz Cheney.

Hageman also received endorsements from two of her opponents in the primary, Bryan Miller and Darin Smith, both of whom dropped out immediately after learning of Trump's endorsement of Hageman back in September.

Since 2016 Cheney has counted on Wyoming voters to give her a free ride into the House, winning consistently two out of every three votes in the primaries and the general elections. In 2020, before she revealed her true colors by turning against Trump as one of 10 Republicans who voted to impeach him, she won the general election by 68.6 percent of the vote.

Now, however, Wyoming voters have awakened from their slumber, and less than one-fourth currently support her.

At the moment, Cheney's campaign war chest exceeds Hageman's by a factor of ten — she has more than \$4 million in the bank while Hageman, at last count, has scarcely \$400,000. But, as Chris Cillizza, a writer for CNN, lamented: "What's ... uncertain is whether all this money can save Cheney from paying the price for her willingness to vote to impeach Trump."

"All this money" could further exacerbate Cheney's slide into oblivion: Every ad her campaign runs will continue to remind Wyoming voters how she fooled them into thinking she was a Republican and a supporter of the Republican president.

Stefanik is right. Once the primary is behind her, removing her from contention as Wyoming's member of the House, Cheney will more than likely wind up as the "respectable Republican conservative" offering her establishment viewpoints on the issues of the day at MSNBC or CNN.

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