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## COREY STEWART JOINS PAT HERRITY IN SCAPEGOATING THE LATINO COMMUNITY FOR POLITICAL GAIN

Virginia Republican Senate candidate Corey Stewart on Monday reminded us all how eager he and politically-ambitious Fairfax <u>Supervisor Pat Herrity</u> (R) are to vilify and scapegoat the Latino community in pursuit of their political ambition.

In the latest example of white supremacist showboating, *Stewart-style*, the candidate called for "the arrest of [Fairfax County] Sheriff Stacey Kincaid" because of her February decision to terminate a small but onerous aspect of the County's reciprocal agreement with the federal Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) Division.

Stewart also demanded that DACA be "defunded and ended," in part because "many of these so-called Dreamers are criminals."

Stewart's attack on the Sheriff has absolutely no chance of being carried out. Kincaid's action is a sound public policy decision well within her constitutional authority. But it calls to mind the equally gratuitous hatemongering of Stewart's politically ambitious local confederate, Herrity, who repeatedly has insinuated that all Latino immigrants are gang members and all gang members are criminals. These falsehoods easily are disproved by even a cursory fact check.

"Stigmatizing an entire group of people is a choice tactic of today's Republican Party," said Fairfax County Democratic Committee Chairman Daniel G. Lagana. "And, sadly, it's easy to do. What's hard is coming into work every day with a commitment to keep Fairfax County safe and secure by cooperating on a daily basis with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including ICE, as Sheriff Kincaid is doing," he concluded.

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