

billion dollars' worth of advanced AI chips to the United Arab Emirates. The deal alarmed national security officials.

Why in the world was Donald Trump rolling back critical national security safeguards in order to hand over sophisticated U.S. technology to a country with a long history of helping China acquire sensitive chips that it needs for its military? Why in the world was Donald Trump trying to ship off our state-of-the-art chips to the UAE—and China—when American startups, American universities, and American small businesses needed them here at home?

Well, now we know. Now we know that the UAE greased the skids months earlier when it secretly agreed to pour hundreds of millions of dollars into a Trump family crypto venture just 4 days before President Trump's inauguration. Now we know that a powerful Abu Dhabi royal known as Spy Sheikh signed a secret deal to pay half a billion dollars to take almost a majority stake in the Trump family's crypto company, World Liberty Financial.

And just a few months later, the Trump administration and Secretary Howard Lutnick authorized the sale of advanced AI chips to the UAE. This was a victory for Abu Dhabi and the Spy Sheikh, who had been unsuccessfully trying for years to get their hands on those chips.

Inside our own government, national security officials tried hard to stop this deal. They warned that handing advanced AI chips to the UAE would have serious national security consequences. Look, some of these chips would go to G42, a UAE AI company that American national security officials have said could be a conduit for funneling technology to China. The CIA has reportedly warned about G42's working closely with blacklisted firms like Huawei that are tied to the Chinese military.

Now, President Trump is denying that he knew anything about the secret deal. Oh, please. President Trump's own son signed the deal for half a billion dollars. An initial payment of \$187 million was reportedly directed to flow to Trump family companies. Another initial payment of \$31 million was reportedly directed to flow into entities connected to the family of Steve Witkoff, Trump's golf buddy who had been named U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East.

Here we are, 1 year into Donald Trump's second term, and Trump has amassed more than \$1.5 billion from his crypto ventures like World Liberty Financial. Trump is profiting off the Presidency while American families are worried about their jobs, the rising cost of groceries, and how they will pay their bills. Trump is profiting from decisions that make it easier for countries like China to get their hands on some of our most sensitive and advanced technologies.

Congress needs to grow a spine. We cannot allow American national secu-

rity simply to be sold to the highest bidder. The Senate must pass this resolution to condemn this corruption and call on Donald Trump to reverse his decision to allow the export of advanced AI chips to the UAE.

I yield the floor.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

TRACK ACT

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about an issue that is critically important to millions of Americans: how our Federal Government responds when disaster strikes and whether communities can quickly receive the help they are promised in a timely and transparent manner.

As someone from the great State of Florida who is no stranger to natural disasters, we know how vital emergency recovery assistance is after disasters like hurricanes.

Unfortunately, we discovered that recovery assistance—public assistance—can be delayed for years. That is very hard for communities that rely on that essential funding to recover.

As a U.S. Senator, it is important to me to fight on behalf of Floridians to help aid in these recovery efforts and make sure that, if communities are entitled to public moneys to help them, those are efficiently received, because recovery doesn't end the day after a storm.

After major hurricane strikes, like we have seen in back-to-back years in the State of Florida, it can take years to get communities back to normal, and the process can be onerous and confusing for leaders and communities.

So to streamline it and make it more clear, I introduced legislation called the TRACK Act. I introduced this along with Senator ALSOBROOKS. The Transparency in Recovery Assistance and Claims Knowledge Act would implement a status tracker on the FEMA website. This is so victims of disaster can have easily available knowledge of insight as those claims progress.

As I travel around the State of Florida, I continue to hear from folks that not just want more transparency but need that as they advocate on behalf of their communities—just a little more insight into the aid process when they are recovering from these catastrophes.

While FEMA is making incredible strides under President Trump's leadership, the TRACK Act will bring more sunshine, more transparency.

After disaster strikes, the most important thing is to get help to those who need it as soon as possible, and this bill helps us to do just that.

While transparency and accountability are essential, they must also be paired with real action and real results. And so I am so proud to announce and inform my fellow Floridians that following very productive meetings with DHS, I was able to secure nearly half a billion dollars in FEMA public assistance funding, which was released, totaling in 535 projects across 14 disasters. And these had been requested for years.

This is thanks to the advocacy and coordination from folks all across my State—from Bay County to Broward County; city managers, mayors, constituents. Truly, it was all of us working together to bring this to the attention of those here in Washington to not delay these funds.

We are just getting started.

I want to thank President Trump and his administration for his leadership and for standing with Floridians as we recover from these natural disasters. Indeed, I believe Floridians and their participation in coming to Washington and meeting with their representatives, making sure that they are heard by their government—the people's government—that is why we have seen progress.

If there is one thing I can say—and I continue to be inspired as Florida's newest U.S. Senator—government will only work if people remain engaged with their government. If we the people remain engaged with the representatives that serve us, we the people are an essential part of our Republic working.

So I am proud to make this announcement about these moneys being released to help Florida recover and to further strengthen our State. But, indeed, it is just an announcement, because while I was the voice of so many, it was their work, their advocacy, them being a part of their government that got this done.

Since becoming a Senator, I have been inspired by so many across my State that want to help in the administration of the people's government. They have shared their struggles in getting Federal aid. They have shared their needs as a result of natural disasters, hurricanes, flooding. And all of that went into making this a reality. And I am so proud to have worked to secure these long-awaited funds for my State.

This urgency is why I am also urging my colleagues to join me in supporting the TRACK Act. It will improve transparency between Washington and communities back home. Indeed, it will allow Americans to be more a part of their government.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF JUSTIN R. OLSON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today the Senate will vote to confirm Justin Olson to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Mr. Olson currently serves as associate counsel in multiple matters involving challenges to trans individuals participating in college sports. This is obviously an issue of national concern, as we saw at the Supreme Court recently.

However, I was disturbed by Mr. Olson's refusal to condemn the hateful, inflammatory rhetoric used by one of the plaintiffs in his cases. I asked him about his client's statement claiming that a transgender woman wearing women's clothing is "akin to blackface." I also asked him about his

client's statement that the trans rights movement is "an attempt to normalize pedophilia." And I asked him about his client's statement regarding the University of Pennsylvania, which included a slur I will not repeat. In each instance, Mr. Olson stated that he lacked the "full context" for this language. I am unaware of any context that could possibly make such rhetoric acceptable.

He refused to condemn this language and would not even go so far as to say that these hateful statements include language he personally would not use. Further, he expressed no concern or regret upon being informed that his client's rhetoric has led to death threats against high school students.

A nominee representing a polarizing client is not disqualifying. But the lack of concern Mr. Olson showed for hateful, inflammatory language—involving an issue that often impacts young students—is incredibly disappointing.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose Mr. Olson's nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. BANKS. Mr. President, we are about to vote on the confirmation of Mr. Justin Olson, President Trump's nominee to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Justin is President Trump's first judicial nominee in Indiana of the second Trump administration.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in voting to confirm Justin. He is more than qualified for this position.

I had never met or heard of Justin before this process, but let me just say that, from the very first time that I met with him, I knew he would make a great judge. I was really impressed by him, and I am grateful that President Trump nominated him.

Together with his wife Leah, Justin is the proud father of five young children. I enjoyed spending time with them recently, when they were here to visit DC for Justin's hearing.

Outside of his impressive legal career, Justin is an active member of his church, his community, and his community where he served as an elder and taught children Sunday school.

Justin is a graduate of Grove City College and the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University Bloomington. After graduating, he served his country in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis. During his time in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Justin earned a stellar reputation for his incredible work ethic and his character. Before his time in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Justin earned a prestigious clerkship with the chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.

It is very clear that Justin has all of the qualifications to serve on the bench. But beyond his paper resume, Justin has the qualities that I think are most important in a judge. He cares deeply about America and American values. He especially cares about equality.

We all watched as the University of Pennsylvania and the NCAA allowed a man to dominate women's swimming. We all saw just how unfair and disgraceful that was. Justin has been part of the legal team that is suing Penn and the NCAA and other schools that have allowed men to compete in women's sports.

Justin has also been part of the team that is representing Riley Gaines and other female athletes who have been forced to compete against those men and to share private spaces with them.

Justin and his legal team have sought justice for those young women who have been robbed of medals, of dignity, and their safety. In fact, I think it is really incredible that Justin's confirmation comes one day after National Girls and Women in Sports Day. I can think of no one better prepared to make sure that women's sports are only for women than him, Justin Olson.

Justin has also represented a group that is very important to me, and that is the Turning Point USA's chapter at IU Bloomington, my alma mater. Justin has defended that group's right to express conservative ideas on college campuses. I have no doubt that Justin would make Charlie Kirk proud.

Earlier in Justin's career, before he even graduated from law school, Justin was already writing scholarly papers in support of States' rights to protect unborn children.

What I want in a judge, above all else, is courage. I want judges, especially in my home State of Indiana, who are not afraid to stand up for truth and who are willing to say things that others are afraid to say.

Really, anyone can say the right thing, but I want judges who have done the right thing, especially when it is hard or unpopular.

Well, look no further than Justin Olson. He has always done the right thing, even when it is hard. He has fought for women's rights, for the equal application of civil rights law, and for American liberties.

Our Nation is at a turning point. We need judges who believe in the American project and its goodness, judges that are just like Justice Thomas and Justice Alito. And we need judges who will not just uphold the Constitution but who will cherish it. Justin Olson is that type of person.

I am very pleased that President Trump nominated Justin to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. It was my honor to introduce him at his confirmation hearing, and it will be my honor to vote in favor of his nomination in just a few moments. He is the right person for the job. I can't wait to call him Judge Olson.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled roll-call vote begin immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON OLSON NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Olson nomination?

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 32 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Banks	Fischer	Mullin
Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Risch
Budd	Hoeven	Rounds
Capito	Husted	Schmitt
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Collins	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Justice	Sheehy
Cotton	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moreno	

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—3

Lee	McConnell	Moran
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 608.