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**DR. MIKE KATZ RESPONDS TO SEN. COONS FOX NEWS SUNDAY INTERVIEW: "DELAWARE DESERVES TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND RESULTS"**

**WILMINGTON, DE** – Dr. Mike Katz, pediatric critical care anesthesiologist, former Democratic State Senator, Delaware Republican Party (DEGOP) & Independent Party of Delaware (IPOD) endorsed candidate for United States Senate, today responded to Senator Chris Coons' appearance on Fox News Sunday program, saying the interview highlighted a broader problem in Washington: too many politicians place political interests ahead of transparency, accountability, and the people they are elected to serve.

During the interview, Senator Coons dismissed renewed questions surrounding President Biden's health and fitness for office. He characterized the issue as **"ancient history"** and declined to directly address questions regarding what elected officials knew and when they knew it.

For Katz, the interview was not simply about President Biden. It was about trust, accountability, and whether elected officials are willing to provide honest answers when difficult questions arise.

"As a physician, I have great compassion for President Biden and his family," said Dr. Katz. "Any individual facing age-related health challenges deserves dignity, support, honesty, and people around them who are committed to acting in their best interests."

Katz noted that Senator Coons spent years publicly defending President Biden's fitness for office and ability to serve another term including in an ABC interview with Martha Raddatz in April 2023 when Coons stated "Joe Biden is fit, capable and ready to serve another term".

As a national co-chair of President Biden's 2024 reelection campaign, Senator Coons was uniquely positioned to address questions about what senior Democratic leaders knew and when they knew it.

*"Senator Coons had an opportunity on national television to explain those assurances and address concerns that millions of Americans shared," Katz said. "Instead, he chose to dismiss the discussion as ancient history. Delawareans deserve honest answers, not political deflection."*

Drawing on nearly three decades caring for Delaware families, Katz said the issue extends beyond politics.

*"In medicine, the patient comes first. In public service, the people should come first," Katz said. "The American people deserve transparency from their leaders. Delaware families deserve results from theirs."*

Katz said the interview reflected a broader culture in Washington where difficult questions are too often avoided rather than answered.

*"While Washington politicians focus on political narratives, Delaware families are focused on paying their bills," Katz said. "Families are struggling with higher grocery bills, rising gasoline prices, increasing healthcare costs, unaffordable housing, escalating energy bills, growing property taxes, and continued economic uncertainty.*

*Seniors living on fixed incomes are worried about making ends meet. Young families are struggling to buy their first home. Small businesses are facing rising costs and economic uncertainty. These are the issues keeping Delawareans awake at night.*

*Delaware families are not asking for political spin. They are asking for affordable healthcare, affordable energy, affordable housing, economic opportunity, safe communities, and a government that works for them."*

Katz contrasted his background with Senator Coons' nearly sixteen years in Washington.

*"Senator Coons has spent nearly sixteen years in Washington," Katz said. "I have spent nearly thirty years caring for Delaware families as a physician, raising my family here, serving in our State Senate, and solving real-world problems.*

*Delaware does not need another career politician. Delaware needs leadership grounded in service and results. My focus is not Washington. My focus is Delaware."*

Dr. Katz concluded by emphasizing the principles that he believes should guide public service.

*"Trust. Accountability. Delaware First. Those are not Republican values or Democratic values. They are Delaware values."*

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