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ANOTHER SNIPPET FROM COLLEEN DEACON

Colleen Deacon taking the lead from Bernie Sanders on National Security

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK – Following the first debate between the candidates for U.S. Congress in 24th Congressional District, in which Colleen Deacon finally gave voters a snippet of her views on our country's national security and foreign policy, the Katko for Congress campaign today released the following statement:

“Given the opportunity to explain her views on our national security and detail for voters what needs to be done to keep our country safe, Colleen Deacon stated that she converses regularly with U.S. Generals on the ground who are ‘developing strategy for our country.’ Deacon then blamed the rise of ISIS and global terrorism on climate change – an obscene claim made popular by Bernie Sanders. Given this new theory, Colleen should reveal to voters which U.S. General on the ground told her that climate change is fueling the recruitment of radical terrorists – and explain whether or not she believes Hillary Clinton’s foreign policy decisions produced a vacuum in Iraq and led to the rise of ISIS.

“Islamic terrorist groups have existed for decades and have a long history of targeting western democracies and innocent people who do not share their values. Colleen’s absent position on national security is dangerous and extremely concerning, but to take it a step further and to suggest that climate change is a significant catalyst of the rise of global terrorism shows a potentially dangerous departure from reality and the risks posed to the United States. “

Background:

- [In a debate that will air this evening on WRVO news, candidate Colleen Deacon states](#), “We do a number of conference calls with generals, with folks on the ground, you know hearing directly from people who are involved with these issues and you know developing strategy for our country...”
- Later in the debate, [Deacon blames the rise of ISIS on climate change](#).