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**Side-by-Side**

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<p><b>DONALD TRUMP SOT:</b> <b>I will build a great, great wall on our southern border.</b></p> <p><i>Image: Donald Trump SOT from his announcement speech:</i> <a href="http://time.com/3923128/donald-trump-announcement-speech/">http://time.com/3923128/donald-trump-announcement-speech/</a></p>	<p><b>Donald Trump Supports A Border Wall</b></p> <p>“I would build a great wall, and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me, and I’ll build them very inexpensively, I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall.” [Time, <a href="#">6/16/15</a>]</p> <p><i>See Appendix A</i></p>
<p><b>WILL HURD SOT:</b> <b>A wall absolutely makes sense.</b></p> <p><i>Image: Cut to video of Will Hurd on MSNBC:</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSdJLxpV6uY&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSdJLxpV6uY&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p>	<p><b>Hurd Said In Heavily Populated Areas “A Wall Absolutely Makes Sense.”</b></p> <p>“Scarborough: Right, so why is it that though that Republican candidates- remember John McCain, turns to the camera and goes "Build the dang wall." Why do they all resort to that? Hurd: Well, you need a wall in some places, alright? In heavily populated areas, a wall absolutely makes sense. A wall is just one more tool in your toolkit in order to solve the problem.” [MSNBC, <a href="#">9/08/15</a>]</p> <p><i>See Appendix B</i></p>
<p><b>NARRATOR:</b> <b>And that’s not all--</b></p>	<p><b>New York Times Headline: “Donald Trump Criticizes Muslim Family of Slain U.S. Soldier, Drawing Ire.”</b></p>

**When Donald Trump insulted John McCain's service and a Gold Star Family, Will Hurd said he might vote for him.**

TITLE: Trump Criticizes Family of Slain Soldier  
New York Times, 7/30/16

**Hurd even voted to underfund veterans' programs by more than a billion dollars - putting health care and job training at risk.**

**All to put his party first**

*Image: Images of Will Hurd and Donald Trump together.*

TITLE: Will Hurd

TITLE: Underfunded veteran job training & health care

TITLE: Risking health care & job training

Citation: HR 2029, Vote #193, 4/30/15

[New York Times, [7/30/16](#)]

*See Appendix C*

**United States Army: "The Term Gold Star Family" Refers To The Family Of Fallen Soldiers**

"The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag. These flags/banners were first flown by families during World War I. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. If that loved one died, the blue star was replaced by a gold star. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom. ... Today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in service to the nation. The strength of our nation is our Army. The strength of our Army is our Soldiers. The strength of our Soldiers is our families. The Army recognizes that no one has given more for the nation than the families of the fallen." [United States Army Website, accessed [8/19/16](#)]

*See Appendix D*

**TX-23: Hurd Reserved Endorsement Until Trump Showed Respect to Women**

In May 2016, Hurd said, "Until the

presumptive nominee shows he can respect women and minorities and presents a clear plan to protect our homeland, I am going to reserve my endorsement. I hope in the next seven months he can show this because I am not supporting Hillary Clinton.” [*Dallas News*, [5/06/16](#)]

**Headline: “Hurd Slams, but Still Might Vote for Trump”**

In August 2016, the *El Paso Times* reported, Hurd “slammed the Republican nominee again, but he continued to leave room for Trump to redeem himself.” [*El Paso Times*, [08/03/16](#)]

**Voted For MilCon-VA Appropriations Bill That Underfunded VA By More Than \$1 Billion, Impacting 70,000 Veterans.**

In April 2015, Hurd voted for legislation that would underfund the VA and impact veterans’ health care, medical research, education, and cemeteries. “Addressing the Democrats at a closed-door caucus meeting in the Capitol Wednesday, VA Secretary Robert McDonald warned the lawmakers that the GOP’s \$77 billion bill funding the department and military construction projects in fiscal 2016 falls short of the resources needed to provide health and other services to the nation’s veterans. Relaying McDonald’s message, Rep. Xavier Becerra (Calif.), chairman of the Democratic Caucus, said the GOP’s bill would scale back health benefits for roughly 70,000 veterans, while also denying funds for medical research, education and veterans’

	<p>cemeteries ... Passed with bipartisan support by the House Appropriations Committee last week, the bill provides a 5.6 percent increase for the VA over 2015 levels, but falls more than \$1 billion shy of the figure President Obama had included in his 2016 budget request.” The bill passed 225 to 163. [HR 2029, <a href="#">Vote #193</a>, 4/30/15; The Hill, <a href="#">4/29/15</a>]</p> <p><i>See Appendix E, F</i></p>
<p><b>Will Hurd: sided with Donald Trump and his political party; hurting Texas families.</b></p> <p>TITLE: Will Hurd TITLE: Putting politics ahead of Texas families</p>	
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