

## Will Representative Dan Lungren Condemn Republican Leaders Celebrating the 2016 Olympic Decision?

For days on end, House Republican Leaders have joined the right-wing chorus in trying to score political points by attacking President Obama for trying to bring the 2016 summer games to the United States. Now Representative Dan Lungren has a simple choice to make. Will Representative Lungren finally stand up and condemn these leading voices within his own party that are putting politics before country?

“Will Representative Dan Lungren condemn House Republican Leaders and the outrageous celebrations from right-wing cheerleaders such as Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and others who would actually celebrate news that America wasn’t awarded the job-creating 2016 Summer Olympics,” asked Ryan Rudominer, National Press Secretary for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. “It’s time for Representative Lungren to finally stand up to the leading voices on the right who would root for America’s failure and instead work with Democrats to bring solutions that will put our people back to work.”

### **Background**

- House Minority Leader John Boehner: “[Boehner] torched President Barack Obama Wednesday for his European trip to pitch the Chicago Olympics bid, criticizing the president for “going to go off to Copenhagen when we’ve got serious issues here at home that need to be debated.” [Politico, 9/30/09]
- House Republican Conference Chairman Mike Pence: “After those first-round results,” said Pence, “it looks like the president has had about as much luck pitching Chicago to the Olympics as he had pitching health care reform to the American people.” [The Washington Independent, 10/3/09]
- House Republican Whip Eric Cantor: “All — Creating tangible economic benefits for 2016 is great. Where is the administration’s focus on creating tangible benefits for Americans and their families in 2009?” [The New York Daily News, 9/28/09]
- Rush Limbaugh: For those “upset that I sound gleeful -- I am. I don’t deny it. I’m happy.” [Rush Limbaugh Show, 10/2/09]
- Glenn Beck: “Oh, it’s so sweet” that Chicago’s bid failed; “savor this moment.” [Premiere Radio Networks’ The Glenn Beck Show, 10/2/09]
- Conservative conference attendees erupt in cheers when the U.S. is eliminated as Olympics site. [Think Progress, 10/2/09]
- Lou Dobbs: As Matt Drudge put it, “the ego has landed.” [United Stations Radio Networks’ The Lou Dobbs Show, 10/2/09]
- Weekly Standard: “Chicago loses! Chicago loses!... Cheers erupt at WEEKLY STANDARD world headquarters.” [Politico, 10/5/09]