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Action is the next step but getting them to speak out was critical. We should not create a situation where people who speak out as forcefully as they did get attacked from all sides. They are getting trashed on now by the White House,. Bannon, etc.

Rather than getting up on the high horse and calling people out for not acting, lets give them the praise they deserve for now and then try to reach out. I recommend an attempt to set up meetings with offices of the following senators to see what can be done: McCain, Flake, Corker, Collins, and perhaps Sasse. If three of them will join Democrats in demanding investigations, subpoenas etc, we are over the top.

Richard

On Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Jeff Hauser <[jeffhauser@](mailto:jeffhauser@)> wrote:

I feel like rewarding rhetoric rather than action is a big mistake -- the encomiums to Flake and Corker without them lifting a finger on key issues is going to come back and bite us as it teaches Republicans that they can become bipartisan stars without concrete actions: <https://rewire.news/article/2017/10/25/flake-corker-dont-confuse-words-resistance/>

Walter Jones and Mark Sanford are fighting for Trump's tax returns -- where is the praise for them? <http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/03/two-house-republicans-join-dems-and-demand-trumps-taxes.html>

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