

Trump's Science Envoy Resigns with a Coded Message: I-M-P-E-A-C-H



Berkeley, August 24 (RHC)-- A U.S. government science envoy has resigned over what he called President Donald Trump's "attacks on the core values of the United States." Citing Trump's failure to condemn white supremacists in the wake of the protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the administration's decision to pull out of the Paris climate agreement, Daniel Kammen, an energy researcher at the University of California, Berkeley, posted his resignation letter on his Twitter on Wednesday.

Hidden in his letter was a coded message: he spelled out "I-M-P-E-A-C-H" with the first letters of each paragraph. The White House and the state department did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the letter.

"Your failure to condemn white supremacists and neo-Nazis has domestic and international ramifications," he wrote. "Particularly troubling to me is how your response to Charlottesville is consistent with a broader pattern of behavior that enables sexism and racism and disregards the welfare of all Americans, the global community, and the planet," added Kammen, who worked as a envoy for the U.S. State Department.

“Your presence in the White House harms the United States domestically and abroad and threatens life on this planet,” he wrote.

Daniel Kammen is the Distinguished Professor of Energy at the University of California, Berkeley, with parallel appointments in the Energy and Resources Group, the Goldman School of Public Policy, and the department of Nuclear Engineering. He was appointed the first Environment and Climate Partnership for the Americas (ECPA) Fellow by Secretary of State Hilary R. Clinton in April 2010.

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