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PERRY JOHNSON SPENT $28 MILLION TRYING TO DEFEAT TRUMP, NOW CAUGHT MANIPULATING THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS TO ATTACK JOHN JAMES

Shelby Township, MI — John James today called on two-time failed politician Perry Johnson to immediately withdraw from the Michigan Governor's race and apologize to President Donald Trump after Johnson's dark money group, run by anti-Trump consultants, released a dishonest attack ad that deliberately manipulates the President's own words.

Johnson's **ad** uses footage of President Trump saying "get him outta here" in reference to a protester at a rally in Iowa and deceptively edits it to make it appear the President was referring to John James. The ad is being funded by a group run by anti-Trump **consultants**.

"*It's a shameful disservice to see Perry Johnson so desperate for attention and relevance that he's resorted, again, to distorting the words of my friend, President Trump*," **said John James**."*I launched this campaign with a clear focus on ethics, accountability, and restoring integrity to leadership in Michigan. Perry Johnson, meanwhile, is spending millions trying to manipulate Republican voters with a silly attack that can be debunked with a simple Google search. Michiganders expect honesty, and they deserve leaders who tell the truth. Integrity matters. Perry Johnson should withdraw from the race and apologize to the President immediately.*"

"*Perry Johnson's latest attack ad manipulates President Trump's words in a completely dishonest manner. His ad uses footage of President Trump saying 'get him outta here' in reference to a protester at a rally in Iowa, but Johnson attempts to deceive the viewer into thinking the President said that in reference to John James*," **said Hannah Osantowske, a spokesperson for the James campaign**. "*It is completely dishonest and reveals a total lack of integrity from Perry Johnson.*"

This is the same Perry Johnson who has gone against President Trump in both of his failed campaigns. In 2022, Johnson ran for Governor against the candidate President Trump endorsed and failed to even make the ballot despite spending millions. In 2024, Johnson spent $28 million trying to defeat President Trump in the presidential primary, got zero votes, and had the audacity to call himself "**Trump without the baggage**."

Meanwhile, John James leads the primary by double digits and is the only Republican candidate capable of defeating both Democratic candidates in the general election. According to polling data from **RealClearPolling**, James leads against both lifelong Democrats in the race. Perry Johnson has no path to winning a general election and his desperate attacks prove it.

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