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Allen and Kaine trade blows



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U.S. Senate candidates George Allen and Timothy M. Kaine are back at it, with Allen attacking Kaine for his ties to President Barack Obama in a new web video and Kaine hitting Allen on uranium mining in a press release.

Allen's campaign on Monday released a video titled "Unabashed," which focuses on Kaine's time as Democratic National Committee chairman.

"Chairman Kaine proudly calls himself an 'unabashed' supporter of President Obama and on every significant issue of the last three years Mr. Kaine has proven his loyalty, putting President Obama's agenda first. But what about Virginia?" said Allen senior advisor Dan Allen in releasing the video. "Virginia families want a Senator that will fight for them, not one that will simply serve as a rubberstamp for President Obama and his agenda."

Meanwhile, Kaine's camp was questioning Allen's stance on uranium mining in light of his support for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

"On the one hand, Allen has called for the administration to hurry up and approve the pipeline. On the other, Allen has refused to take a position on uranium mining, saying that he would wait to analyze the results of a National Academy of Sciences study, adding that 'while jobs are important, so is public health and safety,'" the release said.

"Virginians want a Senator who will make decisions based on the facts, not on reflexive partisanship and their personal political prospects," said Kaine campaign spokeswoman Brandi Hoffine.

See the Allen's campaign video below.

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